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**Steam Heating for Machine Shops.**  
There are a number of shops requiring an improvement over the present method of steam heating, and the number where it is intended to put in steam-heating apparatus is so great that no apology is necessary for giving at great length a description of one of the most complete pieces of steam heating which has recently been put up. It was the last piece of work designed by the late Robert Briggs, and is an example of the latest and best practice. The work was specially designed for the Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., at Stamford, Conn. In a rough way the works may be described as forming a hollow square, with boiler-house, engine-room and some other buildings occupying the central

ceilings and from 1 to 5 feet away from the walls. The theory has been that the motion of the belts, pulleys and rapidly-running shafts sets up a decided circulation of air, and thus the hot air which rises is distributed throughout the rooms. It has been found that there is a decided advantage from having pipes overhead, because they are removed from under the benches, are in plain sight and are not liable to become receptacles for dust, waste and the rubbish usually thrown under or behind the benches. It has been urged as an objection that overhead pipes, if they once begin to leak, are the cause of great annoyance, dropping the water on the work and benches. This, we think, is a decided advantage in favor of the overhead pipes. A break beneath the bench

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the warm air at once arises from the source of heat to the ceiling, is forced outward toward the walls, and there, by gradual cooling, finds its way downward toward the floor. When steam coils are placed along the walls the hot air then rises at once close to the walls, expends no small amount of its heat in warming them, flows along the ceiling, and is finally forced downward toward the floor at the center of the room. General heating and warming can thus only take place until the walls have acquired a considerably higher temperature than is probably necessary. When, however, we lift the pipes near the ceiling and take them away from the walls the hot air is forced upward by the cold, spreads in both directions, and as a constant supply comes up through the

is so complete that almost any desired combination of exhaust and live steam can be used at will, in order to suit the requirements of the rooms or the weather. Each coil is so connected that it can be independently of others, connected with either the live or exhaust system of circulation, and thus the quantity of heat obtained is under the most perfect control. In general the distribution is effected by carrying one well-clothed steam-pipe into each building, and then, by means of a rising main, supplying the different floors. In one or two cases it has been necessary to cross doors and go under or over passageways. In the coils the drip is in the direction of the flow of the steam in all cases.

The complex character of the system

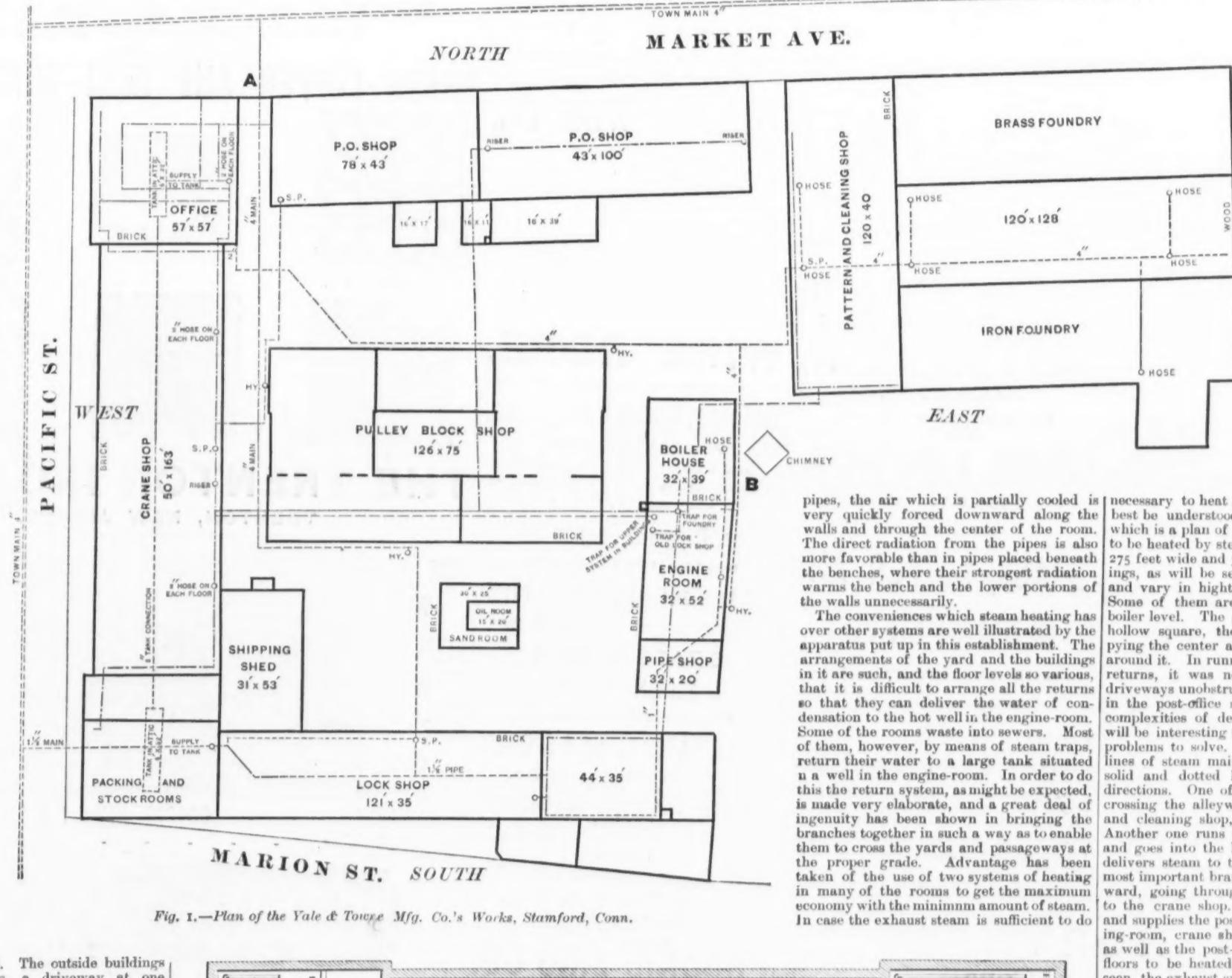


Fig. 1.—Plan of the Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.'s Works, Stamford, Conn.

portion of the court. The outside buildings are not continuous, a driveway at one corner separating one of the sides from the end, and a gap being left on a portion of the fourth side. This arrangement made it necessary to carry the steam by pipes radiating from a center in four different directions. Some of the buildings had steam pipes already in place, and no attempt was made to alter these, but merely to provide suitable connections. Many new buildings, however, were in process of erection at the time the specifications were made, and in these the pipes were disposed to the best advantage. The first idea was to heat entirely by live steam, but a little consideration showed that exhaust steam could also be used most successfully, and the final result was a combined system of heating, and in the rooms where exhaust steam is employed there is combined in the same room by the same apparatus the use of live steam heating also, the live and exhaust steam systems dividing about equally the heating surface between them. The temperature which it was desired to maintain was from 60° to 70° in the coldest weather. The heating surface of the combined system of half live and half exhaust steam-pipes was arranged in the ratio of 1 square foot to 150 cubic feet of space. Judicious allowance, however, was made for the exposure of walls and windows, and window surface in relation to the walls. In some of the rooms the windows are numerous and lofty, while in others they are small and at considerably greater intervals. This, of course, would make a difference in the ratio of the different rooms. As most of our readers know, great success has attended the overhead system of pipes in the Eastern mills, factories and machine shops—that is, the pipes have been arranged in horizontal coils at from 2 to 4 feet from the

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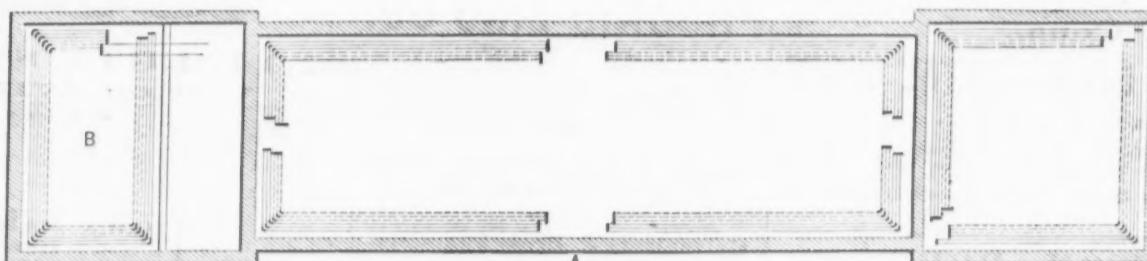


Fig. 2.—Plan of Piping, First Floor, West Front of Building.

## STEAM HEATING FOR MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS.

is neglected indefinitely, nobody seeming to give it attention until the dripping of water and blowing off of steam become so great as to interfere with the working of the apparatus or to create a general disturbance. Overhead, any leak which may take place must of necessity be attended to at once, and on this account the overhead position may be considered highly advantageous.

At the Yale & Towne Co.'s works there are several rooms with no machinery in them which are heated by overhead pipes. The question at once arose whether these rooms were perfectly warm, and if so, how a heating system applied in this way could work at all. For the purpose of comparison, we had thermometers placed in the crane shop, a high room with machinery and having overhead pipes; in the packing-room, where there is no machinery, but a lofty room, heated in the same way, and also in the drawing-room, which was heated in the or-

curious fact, for which we could find no ready means of accounting, that 2 feet up from the floor the thermometer stood at 68°, while it rose to 69° when laid on the floor itself. The difference in temperature in this room between the level of the workman's head and his feet was only 1°. In the packing-room it was 4°, but in this case we traced the result to an open door creating a draft across the room toward a window. This probably reduced the temperature 2° or 3° more than in other parts of the room, and it was in this draft that the thermometer happened to be hung. The experiment was sufficient to establish the fact that in these rooms the temperature is sensibly the same at the level of a person's head and also on the floor, and the question at once arises, How is it that a room heated from the top can be so nearly equal in temperature in all portions? The answer appears to be simple enough. No matter how a room is heated,

the warming for the whole building, cross connections are so arranged that live steam can be cut off everywhere and the exhaust steam turned into both live and exhaust steam coils, furnishing the heat for the whole room or all the rooms. In the morning, when it is necessary to heat up with great rapidity, especially in cold weather and before the engine is started, the connections are so arranged at the boiler-house that the watchman can turn on the live steam into the whole system of pipes indiscriminately, and bring up the heat rapidly; then, when the engine commences working, the live steam is cut off and the exhaust turned through the exhaust system. The principle on which the exhaust and live steam coils are arranged is very nicely shown in the little sketch, Fig. 2, from the specification, where the dotted lines represent the exhaust and the plain lines the live steam coils. In fact, the arrangement for cross connections

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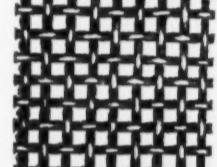
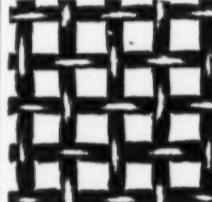
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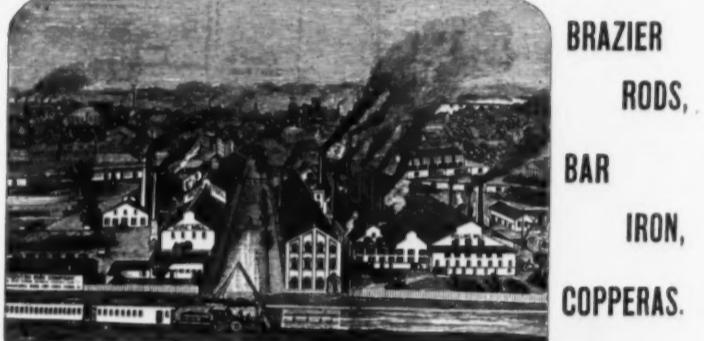
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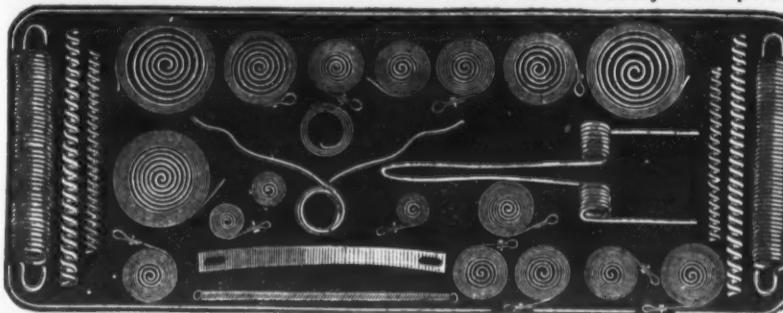
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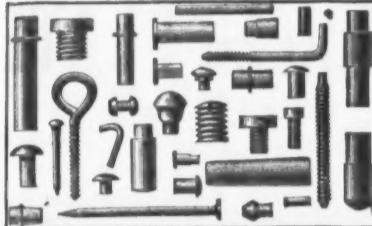
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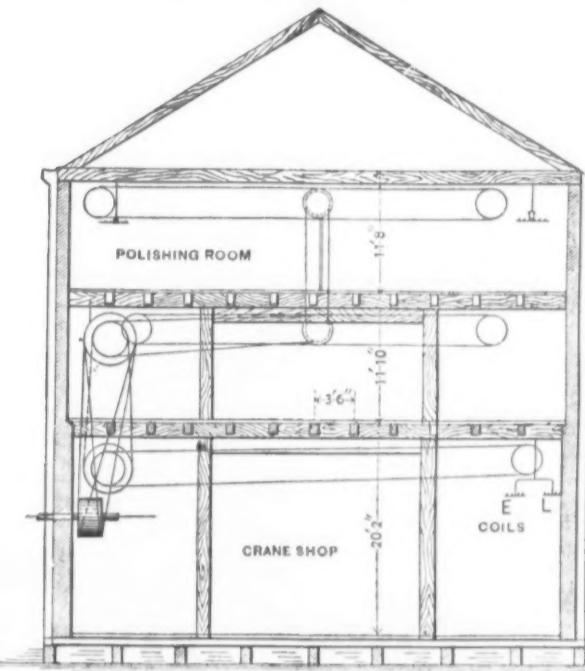
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live steam coil, consisting of four pipes, is placed next the wall, and inside of that the exhaust coils are hung. The method of doing this is simply to carry the pipes on castings by means of gas-pipe connections. Both coils can be kept at the same level; they balance each other and the adjustment of fall is made very perfect. When, however,



Steam Heating for Machine Shops.—Fig. 3.—Sectional Elevation, West Front of Building.

condensed water and the steam was made in the same direction.

Fig. 2 shows the general arrangement of the west front building, with the location of the coils and the relation of the live and exhaust steam circulation. This building, or set of buildings, has single live and exhaust steam mains, which enter at the point A. Risers here deliver the steam to each of the three floors. The method of general distribution is similar in principle on

only six pipes are used in the coils, a single casting is employed for the purpose. This is supported from the floor beams in precisely the same way as before. Where, however, it is necessary to carry only four or five pipes, the device shown in Fig. 6 has been used. Sometimes this has been found convenient for a five-pipe coil, and in other cases been used for four-pipe coils. It can also be used for coils of two pipes each, one for the exhaust and one for the live

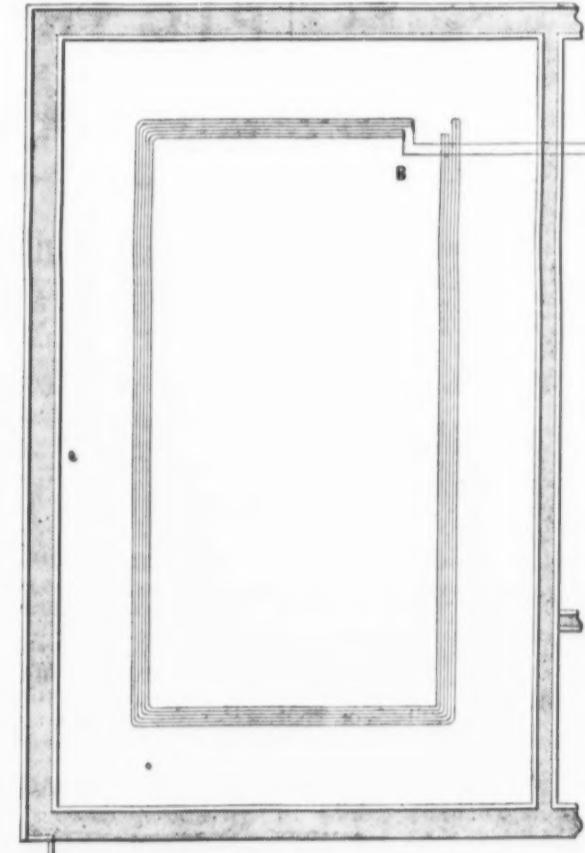


Fig. 4.—Stock and Packing Room Pipes.

each one. The dotted lines may be taken to represent the exhaust-steam service, and the solid lines the live steam. The width of the coils, of course, is greatly exaggerated, in order to make the method of arrangement more distinct. The plan embraces four L-shaped live-steam coils in each corner of the room or floor. In the two corner buildings the system is somewhat different. As

steam, as has been found convenient in some situations. In this case the suspension has been by a rod and bolt, the adjustment being obtained by screwing up the nuts underneath.

In the office building the system is decidedly mixed, some of the floors being heated by radiators, others being heated by stacks of pipes along the walls near the floor, and we believe one of the top rooms has horizontal coils near the ceiling. In this building

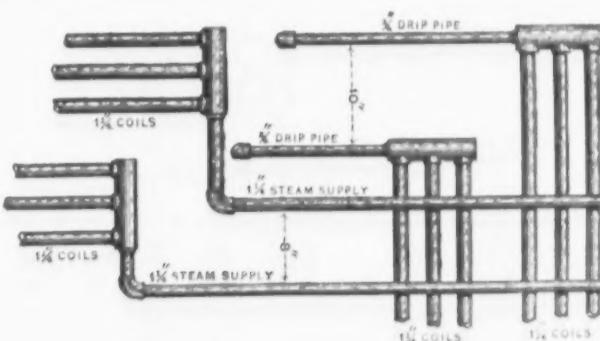


Fig. 5.—Plan of Connection at B, Stock and Packing Rooms, See Fig. 4.

at first intended, there were two L-shaped coils for exhaust and two for live steam in each of these buildings, but this plan has been modified, and in the packing-room B the system has been very greatly modified, and a single coil encircling the room has been introduced. In the crane shop the system has been carried out very completely, the coils being precisely as shown. Fig. 3, representing a section through the center of this shop, shows how they are located rela-

ting the system of cross connections has been carried out completely. The different coils for exhaust are on each floor have a complete system of stop-valves, so that live steam can be put into any exhaust coil, and in this way, when the exhaust and live steam are insufficient, they can be reinforced by turning live steam into the exhaust coils, or both coils can be used for the exhaust steam whenever it is desirable. In doing this it is particularly necessary to make the

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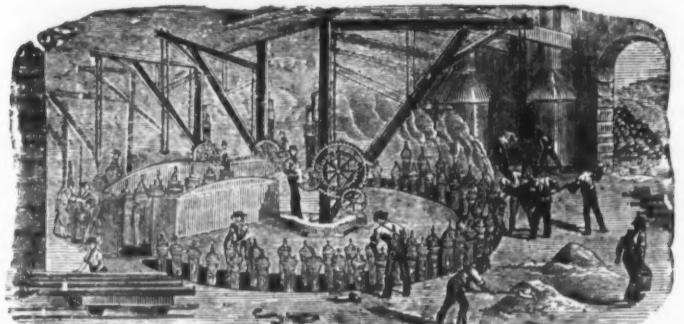
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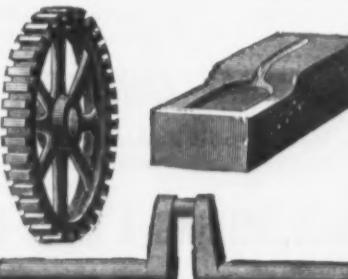
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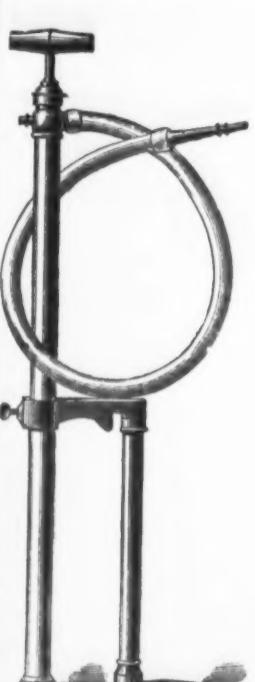
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### Early Railroading in Kentucky.

A correspondent of the Quincy (Ill.) *Whig* writes as follows of the first railroad in Kentucky, later part of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Lexington road, now owned by the Louisville and Nashville:

The recent railway exposition at Chicago recalls to the mind of the writer that he witnessed when a boy the construction of one of the first railroads in the world. It was in the state of Kentucky, from Lexington to Frankfort, and was completed in 1838 or 1839. You may be sure it was quite a primitive affair compared with railroads of the present day. I shall attempt, to the best of my recollection, to give a description of it. A railroad had been built in England, and had excited the wonder of the world, on account of its great speed and capacity for hauling over its track numbers of cars at a time, containing tons of freight. The wonder and excitement produced by this new and novel mode of conveyance penetrated into the interior of Old Kentucky to Lexington, the home of the great and renowned Henry Clay, the acknowledged leader of the old Whig party, and an agent was sent over to England to see and examine carefully this new and powerful device for moving the freights of the world on land, with a view of using the knowledge obtained in constructing a similar road in our "Old Kentucky home." The agent in due time returned, and described with enthusiasm all he had seen and experienced of the new wonder. The people of Lexington were not only wealthy and intelligent, but enterprising, and ambitious to surpass both Louisville and Cincinnati. Located as Lexington is, almost in the center of the State, with no navigable stream near enough to be of any advantage—Frankfort being about the nearest available point to the Kentucky River—her citizens at once determined to build a railroad to Frankfort. I do not remember much about the initiatory steps that were taken for right of way, &c., but I recall the fact of the grading of the road, and the deep interest manifested by everybody in its construction. The agent who had visited England found the rails laid upon ties, about the same as now, but our Lexington engineers thought that wood was too temporary and destructible, so they adopted limestone sills 10, 15 and 18 feet long, laid down longitudinally, with ties under them crosswise every 4 or 5 feet. The rails were flat iron bars 2½ inches wide, fastened with bolts to the stone sills by drilling holes and filling in around the bolts with molten sulphur or melted lead. Only passenger cars were used at first, and they were drawn by two horses. It took about three hours to make the run to Frankfort, 28 miles.

The cars were two stories high and very curious-looking affairs: the lower story was inclosed and set apart for the use of ladies and children, while the upper story, being open, was generally occupied by men. But in warm weather many ladies preferred to ride up stairs, as they called the top story. The first winter played the mischief with the stone sills, the frost cracking and breaking to pieces many of them, so they were all taken up and replaced with wooden sills. Many of the stone sills can still be seen lying alongside the track in places. The road is very crooked, because the engineers who surveyed it were averse to crossing streams on bridges, so they went around the streams, alleging that it was an advantage to have the road crooked, so the conductor could look back and see that his train was all right. Between Lexington and Midway are two very deep cuts through the solid limestone, which would now be tunneled. Some years afterward it was discovered that there were no tunnels on the road, as in England. A proposition was made to cover these deep cuts over and thus convert them into tunnels; but as there was no spare dirt on top, the expense of getting it up was thought to be too great, so the tunnel project was abandoned as not really essential to the running of the road. After a time a locomotive or steam car, as it was then called, was put on the road. This was a small and even more curious-looking affair than the passenger cars. It had no cab and no such tender as at present. The tender was a sort of flat car, with room for wood and a hogshead of water, which was filled by pumping water from a well on the side of the track. The engineer and fireman were exposed to the weather, having no shelter whatever. The engine was a great curiosity, and was admired all along the line with the greatest interest, wonder and awe by the people of every

class—more especially the black slaves, who regarded it as the work of the devil. There was no pilot or cowcatcher, but in lieu thereof there were two large square beams projecting out in front on each side of the base of the boiler, to which were attached two large hickory brooms, which swept the track and kept it clear of any ordinary obstruction. The grade for about a mile below Lexington was quite steep, the train always coming up it rather slow, and the boys would go down and jump upon those projecting beams and ride up in town on the steam car. This was thought to be a great feat until a colored boy slipped off, and, falling under the driver, was decapitated, after which the boys were deprived of their free ride on the rail. Soon after the locomotive was placed upon the track there was an excursion given from Lexington to Frankfort on flat cars fitted up for the occasion by the railway company. When the train got near Frankfort it began to snow, the engine was immediately run under shelter to keep it from being injured, and the engineer positively refused to run it in the snow, fearing it might run off the slick track and get smashed up. The snow continuing to fall, many of the excursionists footed it back home. Such was railroading in "ye olden time." Frankfort being located in a deep valley—or, rather, hollow—on the Kentucky River, the cars were let down the steep grade by means of a rope wound round a drum or windlass, worked by a stationary steam engine on the top of the hill.

### Movable Houses.

"Movable structures" says the *Lumberman's Gazette*, "or 'shakedowns,' as they are sometimes called—buildings for temporary occupation, which can be erected and taken down and removed at will—are becoming a very important article of manufacture. They have been constructed in every conceivable form, and of all sorts of material, but the demand for them was probably never greater than at present. Some Canadian firms have been doing an extensive business for some time in the manufacture of wooden structures which are intended as permanent buildings, but which retain the advantage of being easily removable whenever desirable, in a very short time, with comparatively a trifling amount of trouble and expense. The London (Ont.) *Advertiser*, in alluding to an establishment at Walkerton which engages quite extensively in the manufacture of these residences, says: 'At Messrs. Truax's planing mills orders for a whole row of houses can be filled in a few days, and it is not uncommon to see an entire street for Brandon, or a block for Winnipeg, sent out on train 20 or 30 days after the order has been received. During the past season Messrs. Truax shipped 219 cars of knock-down house material to the Northwest.' These buildings were the result of necessity during the war, when they were first brought out for use by the soldiers of the army, and many a one has suffered demolition at the hands of soldiers because of the extortions and rascality of the owners. Their use in the army suggested their utility in the prairie country of the Northwest, where timber is scarce, and their practicality has become recognized to such an extent that the demand has become quite excessive. Notwithstanding their recognized utility and adaptability, the disadvantage of weight has overshadowed them, making them, comparatively speaking, quite expensive when they reach their destination. But as necessity brought them to the surface, so in time will it bring their successor if it shall prove inadequate for all the demands, including cheapness, utility, inexpensive transportation, durability and comfort."

"We perceive that an officer in the German army has invented a new form of transportable dwellings, which seem to combine some of the qualities in which the wooden structures are lacking, especially lightness, and that other advantage of compactness when prepared for transportation, which are essential at least for bivouacs and the march. These new aspirants for popularity are made of felt, impregnated with substances which render them impervious to water. The idea is intended to apply specially to hospital tents and the large kind of such dwellings. In addition to being water-tight, these tents are cool in hot weather, and, to some extent, are able to moderate a severely cold temperature. They can be packed into a few comparatively small boxes, and ventilation is duly provided for. They resist hurricanes better than linen tents. Their erection and removal is very simple, and their cost is said to be small in comparison with that of linen tents. If they shall possess all the qualities which are claimed for them, the days of the wooden 'shake-down' may be set down as numbered, as soon as the merits of the new felt houses become fully understood."

When Alexander Graham Bell was asked to say something about the recent decision of the *Examiner of Interferences*, says an exchange, he laughed and said he had just received it in 200 printed pages, and had not had time to read it. He said generally that he was glad to see the beginning of the end of the telephone litigation. In conversation he said he was still pursuing his investigation in regard to electricity, reading and experimenting almost constantly. Incidentally he was preparing a catalogue of books, pamphlets and even short articles on the subject, with a view to facilitate his own investigation and those of others. He had the titles of 40,000 such productions already. He did not begrudge the hard work involved. Knowledge of what has been done or said in this field would help every electrician very materially. After days of experiment, he sometimes—in fact, often—found that a discovery which seemed absolutely new was only new to him. Professor Bell predicts a great future for the telephone. It has been hindered by the opposition of the telegraph companies. Abroad it has been very generally adopted by the telegraph companies, especially on branch lines in the cities and at small offices in the country. In this way they can get along without telegraph operators at many of the offices whose receipts would not support operators, and they would not be so crippled in case of a strike as are our telegraph companies to-day. Still, there

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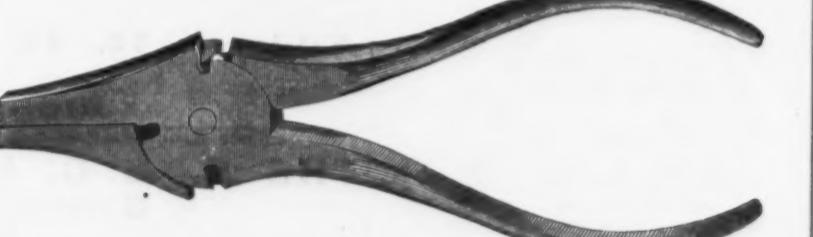
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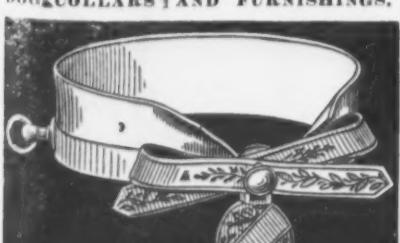
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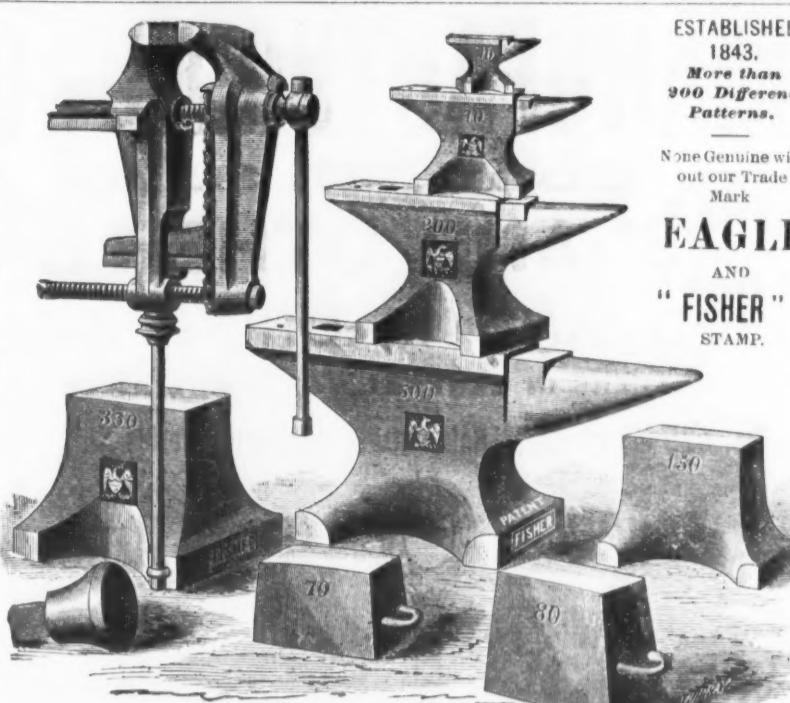
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Railway Exhibition at Chicago.

In the last number of the *Journal* of the Franklin Institute, E. Alexander Scott has the following report on the Railway Exposition at Chicago. It is, in the main, a very good one, and the suggestions made are well worth careful consideration. Without doubt, Philadelphia knows how to conduct a great exhibition. She is, by location and local habits, the best city for this purpose in this country, perhaps the best in the world, and we believe that before many years have passed a great railway exhibition will undoubtedly be organized, and Philadelphia is certainly the city, of all others, in which it should be held. Mr. Scott's report is as follows:

At the last stated meeting, the Institute kindly passed a resolution accrediting me as its representative to the National Exhibition of Railway Appliances, now being held at Chicago, with the special duty of looking after the electrical exhibits, and I purpose now to give you a very brief report of my observations. First, then, the exhibition is a success, as such, but financially it is not likely to profit its projectors. This is due to the fact that it did not secure the hearty support of the local press. As is usual with exhibitions, everything was in a very incomplete state on opening day, and there was the usual struggle for space by late exhibitors. On my first visit to the building, I called upon the secretary and directors, and learned from them that the greater part of the work and responsibility had fallen upon two or three gentlemen, and that the burden was much too heavy. This would account for much of the confusion in the installation, which appeared as late as the second week of the exhibition. I found it impossible to get even a list of the electrical exhibits, much less learn where they were located, and I therefore hunted them up, and am not yet certain that I saw them all.

Confining myself, then, entirely to electrical apparatus, and passing by the many large displays of machine tools, forgings, &c., made by Philadelphia manufacturers, I would classify the electro-magnetic apparatus on exhibition under the heads of railway signals, magnetic brakes, electric lights, electro-motors, and general electrical supplies. As the Franklin Institute is now preparing for an electrical exhibition, it might be well to consider early a question which has bothered the managers of the Chicago exhibition, and that is, What to admit and what to reject. One of the first remarks made by a visitor on entering the building is that there are many things there which do not seem to have any connection with railroads, such as type-writers, paper hangings, &c. One exhibitor complained that he was not allowed to exhibit envelopes, because, he said, they were largely used by railroad companies. The secretary, however, told him that they had concluded to draw the line at envelopes.

At first glance it might seem that it would be difficult to secure for an electrical exhibition a sufficient variety of articles to make a respectable show, but electricity has within a few years invaded so many fields hitherto occupied by other agencies that, before another year is upon us, it may be necessary to draw the line closely and exclude much that would occupy space to the detriment of more appropriate articles. The experience at Chicago shows what has often been demonstrated in this city—that the interest is largely increased by showing everything in motion that is made to move. Instruments should be so shown as to demonstrate at a glance what they are made for; otherwise, it may be difficult to make such an exhibition as the Franklin Institute Exhibition of 1884 a popular one. An electric motor which does not move tells no tale except to the expert, and a Leclanché cell so placed that its use is not apparent, might as well be a jar of pickles.

To return to the exhibits, my attention was first called to the various systems of automatic electric railway signals, of which I made a special study. Only two of these appear to have been well digested, and I may here remark that it is surprising how many inventors cudgel their brains to get up apparatus which is of no earthly use, because they have not duly considered the conditions under which the appliances must be used. Automatic signals, to be of any value, must cover every possible case; must provide for every position of trains; but the majority of those exhibited seem to have been gotten up with the idea that the only danger to be guarded against was that a train might be overtaken by a following train or run into an open draw. Unless provision is made for every case which could by any possibility arise, there is no likelihood of any automatic system being adopted on any well-regulated railroad. This is only another illustration that the best inventions originate with the workmen and spring from the necessities of the case.

There are two general systems, one of which uses the railroad track for the electric circuit, and the other uses wires, either carried on poles or in cables. The Union Switch and Signal Company of Pittsburgh, exemplifies the first, and the Hall Railway Signal Company, of Meriden, Conn., the second system, and each seems to have fairly compassed the problem of automatic signalling. Both are in practical operation on railroads in this country. Messrs. Crandall & Strohm, of this city, exhibit an automatic block system in operation which does not throw up visible signals, but which is intended to operate by shutting off the steam and putting on the air-brakes whenever the train enters a block which is not clear. Other systems are exhibited which aim to accomplish the same result. The perfection of the Westinghouse air-brake would seem to close the field against any brake operated by a different method. The use of this brake, however, has hitherto been confined to passenger trains or short stock trains. This leaves a field for a good magnetic brake for freight trains, and two very creditable brakes of this character were shown. Both are actuated by a dynamo upon the locomotive, and one supplements this by a storage battery in

each car to operate the brakes when the car is separated from the locomotive. There are several practical objections to these brakes in their present state of development, but a thoroughly good magnetic brake may yet be perfected.

The electric light was represented by five different systems of arc and incandescence lights. We are all now so familiar with the arc light that I may simply say that they were all very good and all claimed to be the best. I may say, however, that one system had many admirers, and its lights, which were scattered plentifully through the whole space, were complimented for their beauty and steadiness. The inventors of that system are our honored associates, Messrs. Thompson & Houston. The incandescence lights of the Maxim, Edison and Swan systems were in endless profusion and much admired. Electric motors did not show up very well. The only style was the Weston dynamo, used as a motor on the Field & Edison Electric Railway, and in another place to operate a centrifugal pump for a waterfall. Prof. Sylvanus Thompson says there is a great field for electric transmission of power, but if the inventions thus far made public are the best that our inventors have developed, we have not yet climbed the fence. So far as the public are concerned, the electric railway is a success; the people stand in line for a chance to ride on it. But at what expense of power are the motor and loaded car, weighing in all, perhaps, four tons, propelled? On investigation I found that an 18-horse-power engine was not equal to the task of moving the train, and the gates were shut against the public until the wires were connected with a 40-light dynamo, run by a much more powerful engine. In like manner the dynamo which operated the pump was a five or six light machine run by a 40-light dynamo.

The improvements in dynamos are chiefly in the new regulators for reducing the power to correspond with the reduction in work performed. The storage battery made no show and seems to have been withdrawn from the public for a time. In conclusion, I would say that although the display at Chicago is a fine one and well worth a visit, I think we do these things better in Philadelphia, and the Franklin Institute, with its long experience and excellent organization, will have no trouble in arranging an exhibition more extensive, more attractive, and much more valuable in its results.

Boiler Setting.

The *Locomotive*, which, by the way, is full of little practical sermons on matters connected with boilers and their uses, has the following item in regard to a dangerous form of boiler setting often encountered, and often, no doubt, the cause of those mysterious explosions about which so much breath and valuable time are wasted:

In setting a horizontal tubular boiler, the brickwork of the furnace is so adjusted as to expose nearly or quite one-half of the exterior surface of the boiler to the direct action of the heat, but care is taken to close in the brick sides of the setting at a point below which the water never falls except through carelessness and neglect. It will be readily seen that if the fire and direct heat from the furnace is allowed to come in contact with portions of the boiler that are not protected by the water within, there will be danger of burning the iron and destroying its strength. We call attention to this danger from the fact that we have found boilers so set that the fire line is above the water line of the boiler, and a strip of varying width, extending the whole length of the boiler, is exposed to the action of the fire without the protection of water within. The evident object of this plan of setting is to get as much heating surface as possible, so as to secure great evaporative efficiency. But in the effort to secure this efficiency safety is forgotten. It should be borne in mind that "efficiency" at the expense of safety is not economy, and while a boiler may apparently do unusually good service at first by some such plan, it may prove very expensive in the end in repairs, and in greatly shortening the working age of the boiler. Any device that ignores sound principles is dangerous, and the effort to gain an advantage by such practices, where the party doing them is intelligent enough to know the danger, is inexcusable. It is introducing an element of trickery that should not for a moment be tolerated. A person setting a boiler may be ignorant of the danger of bringing the fires of the furnace in direct contact with unprotected iron, but with a full knowledge of the danger, there is no excuse.

It is considered highly probable that the discovery of the cementation process for making steel had its origin in Liège, Belgium. At the commencement of the 17th century, in 1613, a permission to convert iron into steel is found to have been officially accorded to two armorers of Maestricht, a town which then belonged to the Province of Liège. Judging from this, the metallurgist, Karsten, was probably correct in saying that "England, which has now become the school of iron metallurgy, owes to the Continent two great discoveries—namely, that of the blast furnace and that of cementing steel."

The Brooks Underground Conduit Company, of Philadelphia, have completed arrangements for a trial of their system of laying electric wires underground. Preliminary tests made up to the present time have given very satisfactory results, and it is confidently expected that subsequent trials will fully meet all expectations. Reports from Chicago are also to the effect that a similar step has been taken in that city by the Postal Telegraph Company. Speaking of the results of the enterprise, a gentleman prominently connected with the company stated that they proved highly satisfactory.

In the records of the Custom House the interesting fact appears that a very large proportion of the rails and other supplies used in building the Canadian Pacific Railway are taken to Canada by way of this city. The road is being built of foreign steel rails, and the material is landed at New York and thence transported through the United States, to be delivered in Canada.

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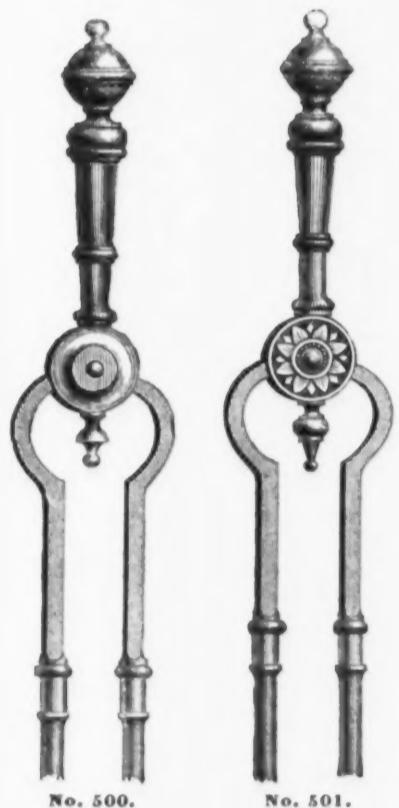
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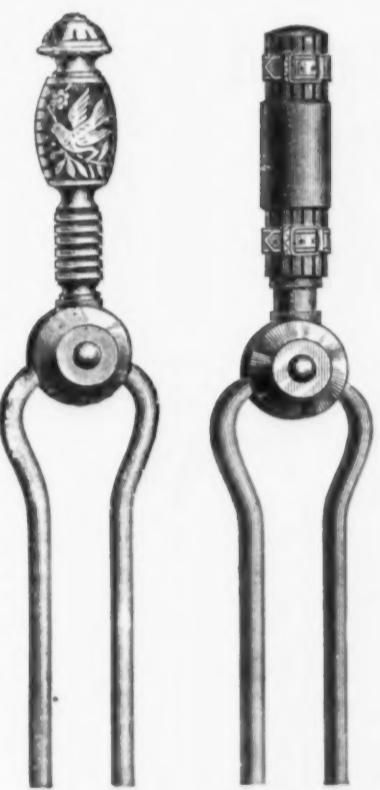
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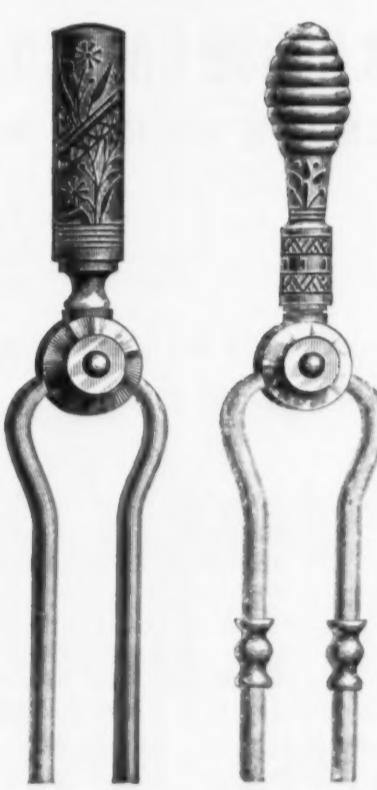
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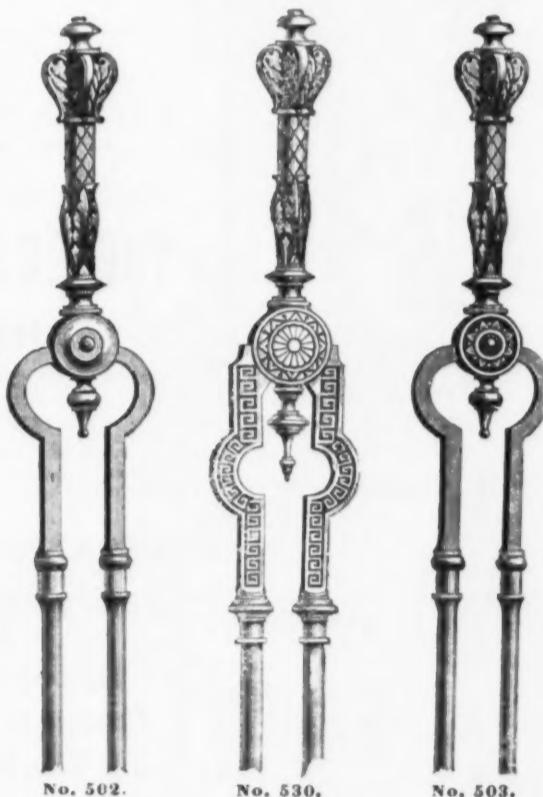
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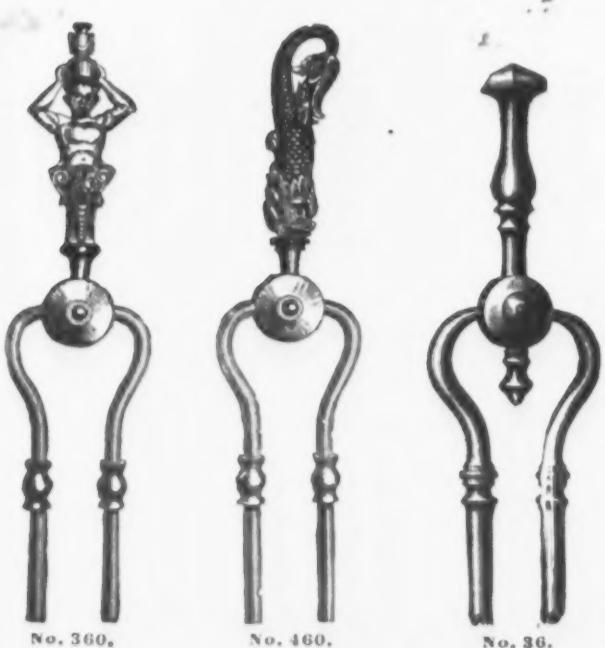
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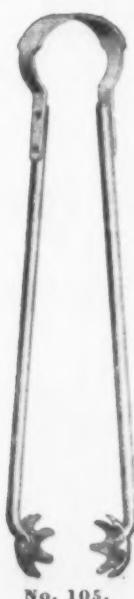
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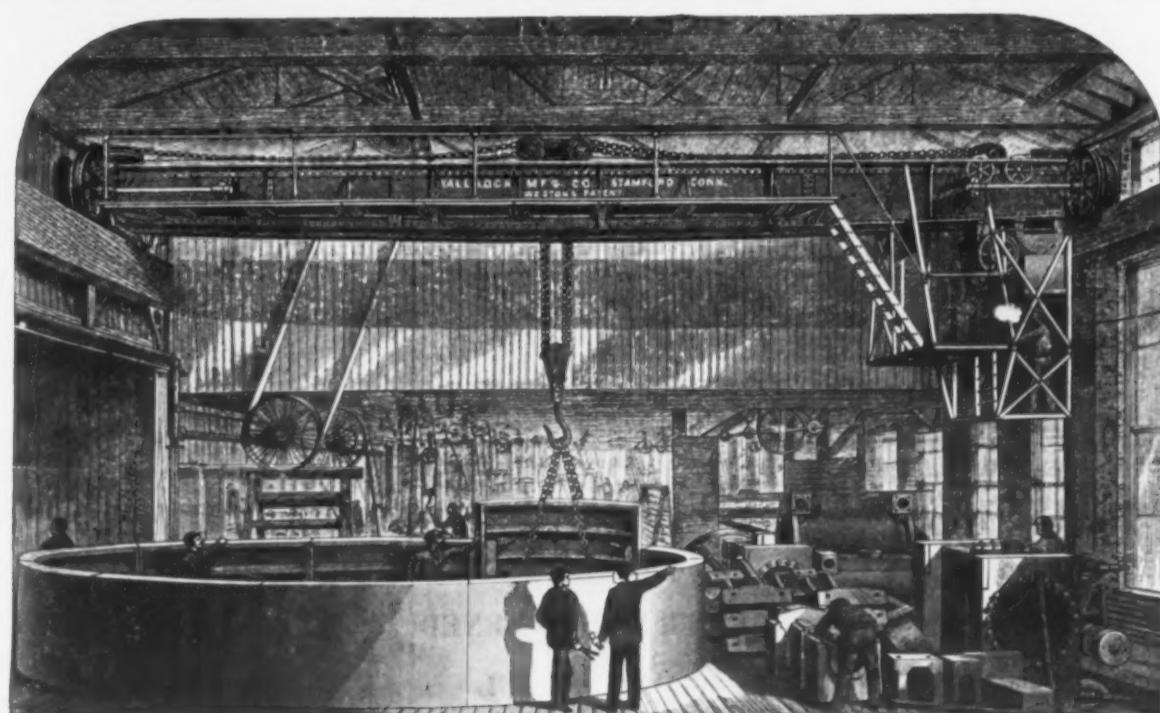
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### The Driven-Well Patent.

In reply to letters of inquiry from correspondents asking for the present legal status of Green's driven-well patent, we print the following, which, we believe, states the case fully and correctly:

Nelson W. Green, a colonel of New York volunteers in the late war, to give the men of his command pure water, devised, in his own mind, a method by which this could be done. He first explained his idea to his drill squad, and afterward to the officers of his regiment, and it was this: To drive a rod sharpened at the end through the ground into the water-bearing stratum, and inserting in the bore a tube through which the water could be drawn by any ordinary style of pump. A test of this method was made successfully in 1861 on the plan of Green, and in the same year on the fair grounds at Cortland, N. Y., at the expense of one Graham, who had contract to supply food and other necessary articles to the soldiers encamped there. This well was used generally by the men in camp, and by Graham and his employees. In 1868 Green procured a patent for this invention, and in 1871 had a reissue thereof, in which he claimed as his invention the creation of a vacuum in the lining of the well for the purpose of using the pressure of the atmosphere to bring up the water. In a suit—Andrews vs. Hovey—brought in the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of Iowa, for an injunction and damages for the infringement of his patent, the defendant, first, denied that Green was the inventor of the driven well; second, averred that if he was the inventor, he had abandoned his right to a patent by allowing a public use of the invention for more than two years before the granting of the patent; and, third, that the claim under the reissue was broader than in the first patent. On the trial the foregoing facts were shown, and it was also proved that this method of driving wells was used at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1849, and at Independence, Mo., in 1851, and it was also shown that the original inventor did not claim the creation of the vacuum and the effect of the atmospheric pressure. Judge Shiras, in dismissing the bill, said:

1. Whatever may be the intention of the inventor, if he suffers the invention to go into public use through any means whatever, without an immediate assertion of his right, he is not entitled to a patent, nor will a patent then obtained protect his right.

2. It is shown that in 1851, at Independence, Mo., a tube was driven into the water-bearing stratum, and, by a pump attached to the tube, water was drawn through it in an apparently inexhaustible quantity. This might be treated as a mere isolated experiment, which would not be held to defeat the right of an independent inventor. But in 1849 and in 1850, E. W. Purdy, a witness in this case, as he testifies, was a well-maker in Milwaukee, Wis., and he used iron rods about 2 inches in diameter and coupled together. The first rod was 16 feet long, with its lower end made for a drill, and it was worked in the earth by being run over a gin-pole, and so the earth was displaced. The 4-inch tubing was driven into the opening as the boring progressed. No soil was removed from the ground, except that where quicksands were struck a long sheet-iron bucket, with a valve at the bottom, was employed to bring up the quicksand. When the water was reached, if it did not come to the surface, a pump was attached to the tubing which formed the lining of the well. Purdy testifies that he drove a number of these wells, some of them to the depth of 60 and 100 feet. We must confess that we cannot see any substantial difference between these wells and those by the Green method.

3. It is urged that the great merit of Col. Green's invention consists in the discovery of the effect of the vacuum created. According to the view we take of the original patent, it did not cover or describe the application of this principle. It follows, therefore, that the reissue embraces the application of an important and material principle not found in the original. The rule is well settled that a reissue can be validly granted only for the same invention which was originally patented. If the reissue goes beyond this, and covers other and different inventions or improvements suggested by the use of the original invention, it will be void.

### Large Marine Shafts.

The most ponderous forging about a marine engine is its shaft, and the huge size and great power of many of the engines now constructed require shafts of a size far beyond the capabilities of ordinary steam hammers. Up to a comparatively recent period all marine shafts were made of iron, but steel is gradually supplanting iron for this purpose, as it has for so many others. In matters of this kind European steel makers are far in advance of our manufacturers, having equipped themselves with very large hammers and other appliances for the successful manipulation of the large masses of steel required. The possessors of the largest hammers in Europe, and therefore in the world, are the Krupp Works in Germany, and the Creusot Works in France, which boast of 80-ton and 50-ton hammers respectively. There are several works in England which contain rather powerful hammers, but none of them, we believe, equal Krupp's hammer.

In this country there are several establishments which can turn out shafts of ordinary size, but the works possessing the largest hammer, and therefore capable of handling the heaviest forging, are the Black Diamond Steel Works, of Park, Brother & Co., at Pittsburgh, whose largest hammer is rated at 17 tons. Their most recent achievement in this line is an open-hearth steel shaft which is 33 feet long, 10½ inches in diameter in the middle, and 15½ inches in diameter at the journals. It weighs 24,000 pounds as finished. It is intended for the Mississippi Valley Transportation Company, of St. Louis, which is now engaged in carrying grain to New Orleans in barges which are towed by large steamboats. The Black Diamond Steel Works are now making two other large steel shafts.

The manufacture of these very heavy forgings is a new branch of business in the United States, and Park, Brother & Co. say that they experience some difficulty in securing enough orders to keep their large hammer in constant operation. At the same time the field is a promising one, as orders are constantly being sent abroad for steel shafts, and our domestic works will undoubtedly get a fair share of the business when it is proved that their shafts are as well made and contain as trustworthy steel as those made abroad.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

SWINEFORD'S ANNUAL REVIEW—1883. Annual Review of the Iron, Copper and other Industries of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for the year ending December 31, 1882. Pamphlet, 220 pages.

Mr. A. P. Swineford, the senior editor of the Marquette Mining Journal, has, for a number of years, issued a review of the mining industries of Upper Michigan, which has acquired a recognized position among the statistical and technical publications of the country. More attention is paid to iron ore than to any other interest, as the number of iron-ore mines is very much larger than of other minerals. The production of the district is given by years from its development, and the exact condition and prospects of each mine are carefully set forth. The blast furnaces of the district are not overlooked, and careful descriptions of them are also given. Mr. Swineford manifests very great interest in his work, and the volume is evidently of much practical value to all connected with the iron trade. The United States depends so largely for its supply of iron ore on the Lake Superior district that knowledge of the operations there conducted is very desirable. It is unfortunate that other mining regions of the country do not have historians and statisticians as well as the Lake Superior district. We ought to have exact information every year of the quantity of iron ore mined in each State. According to Mr. Swineford's "Review," the production of the Lake Superior iron-ore mines in 1882 was 2,948,307 gross tons, valued at \$24,263,742. There was an increase of over 600,000 tons on the quantity mined in 1881. This year, however, the production thus far is about 500,000 tons below that of 1882. The total quantity of iron ore mined from the beginning of operations in the district down to the close of 1882 was 20,590,840 tons, valued at \$164,862,180. The quantity of refined copper produced in 1882 was 28,491 net tons, valued at \$10,466,328,32, and the total production from the beginning down to the close of 1882 was 350,820 net tons, valued at \$163,037,786.

### Poor's Railroad Manual.

"Poor's Railroad Manual" for 1883 has just been issued, and, as usual, gives a complete review of the railroads of the United States. Some indication of the extensive character of the work is afforded by the fact that the compilation covers considerably more than 1000 pages, and is accompanied by numerous maps of different sections of the country. The introduction to the "Manual," embracing somewhat over 100 pages, has been printed separately for the use of the press, and will be found very convenient, giving, as it does, a fair idea of the year's work in a condensed form. Besides a brief general account, it contains tabulated statements showing the length of all railroads in the United States, their equipment, share capital, funded and floating debts, cost of roads and equipment, length of lines operated, traffic operations, earnings and payments, and a variety of other interesting details, together with a statement of lines of railroad constructed in 1882, and the total length of all railroads in the world.

### Mexican Imports and Exports.

—An official statement of the exports of Mexico for the fiscal year 1881-82, just published, shows that the United States is by far the best customer of Mexico, also that Mexico buys more from the United States than from any other country. The total exportation to the United States was \$13,760,861.85, including \$5,451,731.13 in precious metals and \$8,309,130.73 in regular exports, while England, the next on the list, makes a total showing of \$10,284,374.85, but, taking away the \$8,699,379.07 in precious metals sent to that country, the ordinary trade sinks to the comparatively small sum of \$1,587,995.78. The table of exports for the five years from July 1, 1877, to June 30, 1882, affords some instructive comparisons, showing a steady increase in the regular exports of the country through the entire period, the figures being \$6,701,061.35 for 1877-78, \$8,406,560.69 for 1878-79, \$10,627,220.73 for 1879-80, \$10,674,604.37 for 1880-81 and \$12,019,526.06 for 1881-82. Meanwhile, notwithstanding the greatly increased importations, there has been a steady decrease in the exportation of precious metals. The amount exported shows a decrease from \$22,584,590.55 in 1877-78 to \$17,063,767.33 in 1881-82. Among the important articles of export which may be mentioned as having shown a remarkable increase in these five years are henequin, which has risen from \$1,075,075.22 to \$2,672,166.72; coffee, from \$1,242,041.40 to \$2,414,538.20; skins, from \$997,043.21 to \$750,830.47; istic, \$346,196.56 to \$20,199.24; tobacco, \$86,713.27 to \$51,253.17; living animals, \$30,099 to \$37,621; indigo, \$61,523.60 to \$2,4,798; cauchouc, or rubber, \$905.96 to \$14,455.92. Woods appear to have remained about stationary. Sugars show a slight falling off, and orchilla, the famous dye-stuff, a remarkable fluctuation. In 1877-78 the export was \$225,145.73; in 1880-81 it had declined to \$15,514.85, and in 1881-82 it advanced to \$131,617.65.

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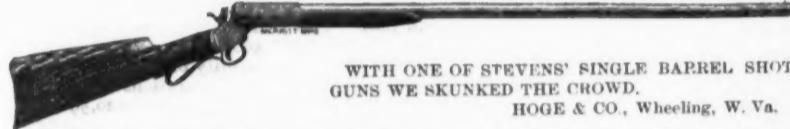
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### Condition of the Iron Trade.

The present condition of the pig-iron trade may be termed one of expectancy. There is a perceptible movement, but it is very sluggish, and apparently cannot be quickened. The future is regarded with great confidence, however, by very many of those interested in the trade, and an early improvement in the demand is predicted by some of the best informed. The setting in of autumn is accompanied by many circumstances which should exert a favorable influence on trade. Summer vacations are ended now, and a more serious view of life is taken by people generally than when they were sweltering with midsummer heat, or were trying to kill time at the seaside, the mountains or the springs. The fall movement in breadstuffs has commenced, and farmers are getting ready money, which they will undoubtedly put into circulation. The fall season in many lines of goods has opened briskly, and it is perfectly reasonable to expect the iron trade to sympathize to some extent. Again, railroad building is not dead, and there are projects in contemplation which will be put under way next year, though, of course, they will not be on as great a scale as the enterprises which have been in progress of construction for the past few years. It remains to be seen how much effect these various factors will have upon the pig-iron trade, but they all contribute to the feeling of hopeful expectancy which is now prevalent. There is no encouragement for idle furnaces to blow in, however, as there will hardly be much improvement in prices, even if the demand does slightly increase. An enlargement of production will very probably postpone general improvement and cause demoralization. The pig-iron trade seems to have specially felt the burden of the season's dullness, and it needs to be carefully handled.

The trade in manufactured iron is generally in a satisfactory condition. There is very little doing in bar iron, comparatively speaking, and prices are almost at bare cost, but plates, plate and sheet iron and nails and spikes are in good demand at prices which afford a profit, although it is a very small one. Not every mill is employed, and it is best that all should not be active, for if they were the production would evidently exceed the consumption, and demoralization would ensue. There may be some trouble in sustaining prices at their present range, now that mills are able to run more steadily than during the summer months, but as yet there is no indication in this vicinity of any weakness.

The steel trade is in good condition, so far

as steel rails are concerned, but the demand for merchant steel is not what it should be, and prices are so low as to be profitless. The competition of Bessemer and open-hearth steel has greatly reduced the price of low-grade crucible steel, and there is also a foreign competition beginning which has been encouraged by the low rates of the new tariff.

### Last Year's Foreign Trade.

In our last issue we briefly reviewed the preliminary report of the foreign commerce of the United States during the past fiscal year, recently issued by the Bureau of Statistics. Though the facts and figures there given touch upon the more prominent features of the subject, some detailed statements may be found desirable. Thus, as regards the values of imports and exports of merchandise, and the excess of one or the other, the following table will be found interesting, showing, as it does, the import and export movement for each year since 1870, the figures being arranged in groups of five-year periods in order to make comparisons more convenient:

| Year ending<br>June 30. | Imports          |                 | Exports and<br>Imports             |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|                         | Total<br>exports | Imports         | Excess of<br>exports<br>or imports | Total<br>exports |
| 1871.....               | \$1,042,890,178  | \$1,042,890,178 | 0                                  | \$1,042,890,178  |
| 1872.....               | 1,444,177,927    | 1,444,177,927   | 0                                  | 1,444,177,927    |
| 1873.....               | 1,522,479,929    | 1,522,479,929   | 0                                  | 1,522,479,929    |
| 1874.....               | 1,585,233,040    | 1,585,233,040   | 0                                  | 1,585,233,040    |
| 1875.....               | 1,513,442,711    | 1,513,442,711   | 0                                  | 1,513,442,711    |
| Total 5 years.....      | \$4,589,293,937  | \$4,589,293,937 | 0                                  | \$4,589,293,937  |
| Average.....            | \$917,867,587    | \$917,867,587   | 0                                  | \$917,867,587    |
| 1876.....               | 1,540,384,671    | 1,540,384,671   | 0                                  | 1,540,384,671    |
| 1877.....               | 1,571,295,766    | 1,571,295,766   | 0                                  | 1,571,295,766    |
| 1878.....               | 1,511,152,441    | 1,511,152,441   | 0                                  | 1,511,152,441    |
| 1879.....               | 1,437,955,441    | 1,437,955,441   | 0                                  | 1,437,955,441    |
| 1880.....               | 1,715,432,558    | 1,715,432,558   | 0                                  | 1,715,432,558    |
| Total 5 years.....      | \$9,163,460,697  | \$9,163,460,697 | 0                                  | \$9,163,460,697  |
| Average.....            | \$1,832,732,139  | \$1,832,732,139 | 0                                  | \$1,832,732,139  |
| 1881.....               | 1,629,741,192    | 1,629,741,192   | 0                                  | 1,629,741,192    |
| 1882.....               | 1,701,152,684    | 1,701,152,684   | 0                                  | 1,701,152,684    |
| 1883.....               | 1,629,741,192    | 1,629,741,192   | 0                                  | 1,629,741,192    |
| Total 5 years.....      | \$1,629,741,192  | \$1,629,741,192 | 0                                  | \$1,629,741,192  |
| Average.....            | \$325,946,238    | \$325,946,238   | 0                                  | \$325,946,238    |
| 1884.....               | 1,629,741,192    | 1,629,741,192   | 0                                  | 1,629,741,192    |
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It will be readily seen from this that since 1876 an unusual expansion in exports has occurred, due, in a great measure, to the rapid agricultural development of the country. The imports also have since that time shown a steady increase, but not before having experienced a sudden decline, amounting to somewhat over \$73,000,000. Altogether, the exports for the year ended June 30, 1883, when compared with those of 10 years ago, exhibit an increase of over \$300,000,000, a similar comparison with the imports, on the other hand, yielding an increase of only \$80,000,000. The fact, however, should not be ignored that the imports preceding the panic of 1873 offer no guide to our legitimate consumption or actual wants at that time, having been raised to an unnaturally high figure by speculative movements. It is, therefore, but proper to give this point due consideration when regarding the present figures for imports. In the year 1880, as shown in our table, the imports exceeded those of 1873 by some \$25,000,000, and two years later another increase, amounting to some \$57,000,000, as compared with 1880, was experienced. This large expansion was in a great measure accounted for by an increase in the importation of certain articles of food rendered necessary by a short crop. But during the past fiscal year, when this circumstance could not be taken into consideration, the falling off did in no way correspond with what might have been anticipated. In fact, the decrease amounted to little over \$1,500,000. Reviewing the figures for the year 1883, we find that in certain large items there was a decrease, but the increase in other directions almost counterbalanced it. The largest decrease, as might naturally be expected, was noticed in connection with iron and steel, the figures for 1882 and 1883 being \$1,377,633 and \$40,790,007 respectively. Coffee, tea, barley and potatoes likewise show large reductions, while in such items as cotton manufactures, wool, tobacco, &c., an increase is recorded. The extent to which tariff changes affected these importations can only vaguely be estimated, but that they will exert some influence cannot be doubted.

Even a casual inspection of the table of exports and imports given above will, perhaps, impress upon the reader the fact that, notwithstanding the large crops of last season, the value of exports falls short of that for the year 1880 and of 1881. With the exception of corn, the crops were the largest ever harvested in the country, and it may seem singular that this circumstance should not be reflected in the exports. In explanation of this, it is very appropriately pointed out that the crop year and Government year are not identical, and that the corn crop last year, which was 422,000,000 bushels greater than that of the previous season, did not count in the exports to any extent until the second half of the fiscal year. But there is still another factor which may escape attention. That portion of the crop (usually a heavy proportion in years of large yield) which is turned into meat did not make itself felt at all, since the process requires a long time. The smaller provisions exports this year are really the effect of the drought of 1881, and also the work of the severe winter

that preceded the drought, and which destroyed so many cattle on the Western plains. From this it would seem that larger exports of provisions during the current fiscal year should follow as a result of the more favorable conditions which prevailed in 1882. In this connection the following table, giving the value of each of our leading staples of exports, will prove of interest:

| Staple           | 1882-83.      | 1881-82.      | 1880-81.      |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cotton.....      | \$247,382,721 | \$109,812,644 | \$247,695,746 |
| Breadstuffs..... | 202,927,491   | 177,001,396   | 265,561,091   |
| Provisions, &c.  | 98,726,491    | 112,875,370   | 145,622,078   |
| Petroleum.....   | 44,913,079    | 51,232,705    | 40,315,609    |
| Total.....       | \$593,039,759 | \$54,028,016  | \$569,194,524 |

These figures strikingly show the importance of the staples in question, cotton being at the head of the list.

So far as the position is concerned which the different ports occupy in the trade movement, New York, as usual, boasts of the first place, the percentage of exports shipped in 1882-83 amounting to 43.88 per cent. of the whole, and the proportion of imports received being 68.59 per cent. Comparing these figures with those for the two preceding years, it is noticed that there has been practically no change in this direction, and under the increasing competition of adjoining ports, New York seems, in fact, to gain slightly. Next in rank to New York in the line of exports comes New Orleans, with 11.54 per cent. of the whole, and then follows Boston with 7.57 per cent., Baltimore with 6.60 per cent., San Francisco with 5.46 per cent., and Philadelphia with 4.63 per cent. As regards imports, New York is followed by Boston with 10.04 per cent., San Francisco coming next with 6.32 per cent.; Philadelphia is represented by 4.66 per cent.; Baltimore by 2.02, and New Orleans by 1.33. The figures available in this connection would seem to suggest that only a few ports, such as New York, Boston and San Francisco, seem to have been able to retain or improve their position as respects imports, notwithstanding the fact that they may have largely increased their exports. In the line of exports a much greater fluctuation is noticeable, and the relative positions of the different cities depend largely upon good or bad crops, and, as the latter are without influence on larger trade centers, it is not surprising to notice corresponding variations in the figures for New York or other ports of importance.

### The Fall Trade Outlook For Stoves.

There is a general disposition among stove manufacturers to take a hopeful view of the fall trade outlook. It is admitted that trade is late, and that buyers are showing much caution in supplying their prospective wants, but no one, so far as we know, entertains the opinion that the aggregate trade of the season will not be satisfactory. Prices, in the main, are well maintained, but we hear a good deal of *sub rosa* gossip about exaggerated credits. It is stated, on what is assumed to be good authority, that a good many orders have been secured for June, July and August shipments, on agreement to date bills Sept. 1, give the usual four months, collect on goods sold up to Jan. 1, and extend on those remaining unsold until April, or at the dealer's convenience. We do not know how much of this sort of business is done, but, much or little, it is utterly demoralizing. Goods "sold" on such a basis are not sold at all. They are in reality placed with dealers on consignments. The dealer who conceives that such a system is favorable to his interests does not know as much now as he will learn from experience. No manufacturer can afford to do business on such a basis, and no dealer can afford to waste his time introducing goods so distributed, for he will need to do the whole thing over again when he has to change his line. We are glad to believe that this reckless abuse of the credit system is not general, and that the better class of dealers are not sold at all. They are in reality placed with dealers on consignments. The dealer who conceives that such a system is favorable to his interests does not know as much

This will suffice to show the importance attaching to the course of prices in Europe and here during the remainder of 1883. Should the Chili-bar speculation in England prove a final success—that is to say, if it causes an advance in value, or at least if the metal remain at its present figure—we should require quite an improvement in prices here to materially curtail the 19,000-ton estimate. Whether Europe will remain steady, or even advance, it is impossible to say, as it depends on the money market and other contingencies, the strength of the speculative holders, &c., but we can form some judgment as to the probable statistical position here at the end of the current year if we ship the entire quantity alluded to.

We assumed in our estimate of August 30 that on January 1, 1883, the stock on this side was 10,000 tons, and that the joint product this year would prove to be 46,000 tons, making an aggregate supply of 56,000 tons to be dealt with. From this we deducted 19,000 tons of probable export and 32,000 tons of probable consumption—together, 51,000 tons—which would leave a stock of only 500 tons at the close of 1883. We say "only," because it would not suffice to carry us to the opening of navigation early next summer; and we gave it as our opinion that, if the facts should verify these calculations, there would not unlikely be an upward tendency in the copper markets on this side in anticipation, even without the aid of the speculative element. Should the latter co-operate, the advance would be all the more rapid and important. If, then, the stock—that is, the available supply—on January 1, 1884, does not suffice for our future requirements, the price may by that time be high enough to attract copper from Lake Superior by rail this way, as well as to other localities that may need it. As we before stated, prices in Europe will have a direct influence here in the interval. It will be seen, therefore, that the copper situation is rather complicated—more so than at any previous time in our recollection. Copper was never so cheap, and, therefore, never before deserved so much notice from capitalists. At its present price it may be considered to have arrived at its intrinsic value on an average—even slightly below it—and an imperishable article, easily stored and of large consumption, when in a position like the one we have endeavored to explain, seldom goes begging a long time in an active country like ours.

#### Freight Transportation.

The commercial supremacy of New York as an American seaport is again assured, if, indeed, its position in this respect was ever seriously threatened. Neither the Welland Canal and St. Lawrence River, nor the Mississippi River, with its huge fleets of steam barges, are successful rivals. The experience of the last few months under the free-canal system shows this to be true, and it is well to make a note of it. The people of the Canadian Dominion believed in the possibility of superseding De Witt Clinton's "ditch" as a highway for transportation between the Northern Lakes and the Atlantic, and expended millions of public money in the expectation of diverting traffic to the St. Lawrence. Since the opening of navigation last spring they have waited in vain to witness the triumph of their grand system of internal improvements completed at so great a cost. The action of the New York State Legislature in declaring the Erie Canal free of tolls seems to have been fatal to their hopes in this respect. At least, it would appear that nothing short of corresponding action on their part in regard to the St. Lawrence route can relieve Canada's lake commerce from its present stagnant condition. Until some such course is taken relief seems hardly possible. Meanwhile business on the Erie Canal is booming, perhaps as never before. A recent official report showed that nearly 2,000,000 tons of freight had been transported by that route since the opening of navigation, or an excess of about 200,000 tons compared with 1882, and during the week just closed the clearances from Buffalo were far larger than during any previous week this season. At the same time, it is observed that traffic on the Welland Canal is below the usual average. No less significant is the reduction of charges by competing railway lines. These were placed at a disadvantage by the addition of newly finished lines, all alike struggling for a share in Western business. But the people of New York State and of the country at large take satisfaction in knowing that the so-called "monopolists" are constrained to recognize the existence of a regulator in freight transportation.

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the persistent advocates of a free-trade policy in this country will of course argue that, if it were not for what remains of the duty on steel rails, the wants of our railroads could be met with rails at \$20, and the difference between that figure and the price asked here would be saved to the consumer; but when we come to look into the reason for the low prices now prevailing abroad, we find that this assumption is not warranted. The Ironmonger, in explaining the situation in the rail market, says: "For some years past our best customer for these articles has been the United States, but the country has fallen away to an enormous extent of late as a buyer of rails, owing to the fact that railway construction has not been so energetically carried on, besides which the producing powers of the native mills has been so greatly enlarged that they are more than equal to any demand that may be made upon them. Prices have fallen to \$36 and \$38 per ton, at which figures our rail manufacturers are unable to compete with success, save on the Pacific Coast and at certain points in the South." Restore the American market to the British steel-rail makers, and the result would be an immediate advance which would bring the cost to the consumer above what he now has to pay. Protection in the United States is the worst possible policy—for England.

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business, and send to the junk yards forthwith a score of old tubs which are now sailing under a full complement of United States certificates. A sharp definition of the individual responsibility of steamboat owners is all that is needed, and each one might then be left to seek safety by the means best calculated to secure it. The owners and officers of boats know a good deal more about them than inspectors are likely to find out, and those whose boats are unsafe dread nothing so much as having to assume a personal responsibility for the safety of the passengers they carry. The present law suits them vastly better.

At intervals which are altogether too frequent the railroads of the country seem to be attacked with an epidemic of accidents of an unforeseen or unexpected character. Just at the present time one of these epidemics is apparently prevailing, and we have a series of accidents which are not likely to be soon repeated. We speak of these accidents as unexpected or unforeseen, and yet in some cases proper precautions would have diminished their severity very materially. We have known of cases where, in the center of a large plain, a railway has been undermined and trains delayed on account of a washout, the sandy loam going down in a culvert and leaving the track unsupported for a long distance. Such an accident as this was to a certain extent unexpected, yet it might have been foreseen that so large a drainage area would furnish a great volume of water in a sharp shower, and some provision ought to have been taken for carrying it off without endangering the road-bed by so doing. When one train gently smashes into the rear of another, and bursts open a freight car, the accident is hardly worth a place in the accidents of the year; but in a recent instance the freight car which was struck by the engine happened to be loaded with gunpowder. The explosion was so terrific that it is a wonder any persons were left to tell the tale. Naturally, railroad men will not look forward to a similar accident in the immediate future. The last one that at all resembled it was the nitro-glycerine explosion at Worcester, Mass., but in this case it was supposed that the leaky cans let the nitro-glycerine fall upon the track, and the shock of the wheels exploded it. This, in turn, fired in the cars.

It seems that another attempt is to be made to put the Great Eastern into a paying commercial work. This time she is to be converted into a collier, and it is supposed she can carry some 20,000 tons of coal. One of the scientific papers commends this, and speaks of the Great Eastern as having been a mechanical success, but a mercantile failure, and attributes her bad fortune to her immense size and unwieldiness. The trouble with the Great Eastern, we think, has been all along that she was a mechanical and engineering failure. At the present time there is little doubt that a strong, swift ship of her tonnage could be made practically useful in the Atlantic trade. The Great Eastern is strong, but she is also slow. She is provided with engines of an obsolete pattern, and from an engineering point of view must be considered an abortion, in that she has both paddle-wheels and a propeller. Scott Russell's statements in regard to the vessel and his enunciation of the wave-line theory are at variance. Apparently he thought she ought to make a speed of 20 miles per hour or more, yet one would hardly expect any such speed from a vessel with such a bluff bow. The history of her career has been a chapter of mechanical accidents and failure. Once the great ship was saved by the pluck and ready skill of an American engineer. Several times she has been saved only by her immense strength. Her draft of water has always been too great to admit of her taking part in the world's commerce. If they keep her in the coal trade one coal mine will certainly be required to supply her with fuel, and she will have to select those ports where great draft of water can be had.

The Senate Committee who are looking into the subject of labor are compelled to listen to an immense amount of nonsense in the way of testimony. This cannot be avoided, of course, but it is unfortunate that the time of the committee should be taken up in listening to the lurid prophecies of communists, who predict revolution and destruction if some vague and impracticable "concession" is not made to the "demands" of labor, which have never been specifically formulated. The professional agitators who delight in this kind of talk are as much out of their element in this country as fishes on land. They have a certain local influence in the neighborhood of Tompkins Square, and could, probably, by concerted action, organize a riot in that part of New York, but they claim the attention of the police rather than of the Senate Committee. They are in no sense representatives of labor, and are not entitled to speak for the class of workingmen who are of any use to the country.

In its present shape Mr. Keely's "motor" must be a very interesting and curious machine. Mr. Schuelerman, secretary of the company, says of it: "The machine will first be used as a stationary engine. It will then be used as a locomotive. The machine will be placed on a truck, but as a locomotive engine its movements are entirely different from those of a stationary engine." The movements of a locomotive

are usually quite different from those of a stationary engine, but a machine which combines both movements and which can be used interchangeably must contain several patentable features of novelty.

Speaking of Mr. Robert P. Porter's contributions to the New York Tribune on the subjects of "Industrial England" and "Industrial Germany," a London trade paper which should undoubtedly be much better informed remarks that "One fact is sometimes worth a long argument. How is it that such enormous numbers of Germans leave their happy land and cross over to America, while so few Englishmen (comparatively) emigrate to the United States. The answer is that Mr. Porter's reports are documents manufactured to order for his employers—protectionists in America." The correct answer, if the paper in question cared to be candid in the matter, was given by Mr. Porter some time ago, and has since been printed over and over again in response to similar inquiries. The remarks above quoted, therefore, either betray a lamentable lack of information on current topics, or a willful perversion of the truth. The assertion that "the working classes in this country (England) can, if they will, surround themselves with comforts and luxuries which the Germans cannot even aspire to," lacks all foundation, and it would, indeed, be surprising that the English workingman should live in such destitute circumstances simply because an improved condition offers no attractions.

The crop of elevator accidents is turning out well this season. In both quality and quantity it is all that could be asked for by the most sanguinary individual. The last one that comes to our notice is one of those runaway elevators which had a habit of starting off on its own account, and traveling up or down, as the case might be. A green elevator boy was in charge, and instead of waiting until the car had passed, and handling the rope from below in a place of safety, he sprang half-way into the car and seized the rope just in time to be crushed between the bottom of the car and the top of the door. The number of accidents from poor elevators and green attendants, it is likely, will be constantly increasing. The reason for this increase is to be found in the fact that the number of elevators in use is much larger now than ever before, and these elevators, as they wear, are becoming more and more liable to accident. In many places, when an elevator is put up, the feeling in regard to it seems very much like that of putting in a window, a foundation or a door. It is something that has been done for all time, and no more attention needs to be paid to it. The remedy will come when a sufficient number of people have been killed and public opinion is thoroughly aroused on the subject of making elevators safe.

#### SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

##### A Constant Current Battery Cell.

According to *Le Nature*, a constant current battery cell was devised by Dr. E. Obach while conducting experiments to furnish a constant current of long duration. It is described as a Bunsen battery, employing zinc, water acidulated with sulphuric acid, and so arranged as to secure a continuous renewal of the liquids. The internal resistance of each element is, on an average, .07 ohm, and the electro-motive force is 2.00 volts. It is able to furnish nearly 30 amperes in a short circuit, and consists of a jar some 8 inches in height and 5 inches in diameter, placed in an inverted position over a support, the bottom having been replaced by a wooden cap covered with paraffine. A porous earthenware vessel introduced with this jar is held in place by a cork ring, and is about 9½ inches in height and has an internal diameter of 2½ inches. The choice of the porous vessel is very important, and the proper working of the element depends much upon the quality of it. Those employed by Dr. Obach became entirely saturated one minute after having been filled with water, thus giving the measure of their porosity. The porous vessel is closed with a cork saturated with paraffine and traversed by a carbon. This latter, which is retort carbon, is 9 inches long by 1½ inches in diameter, and contains in its center an aperture 6 inches in diameter and 7 inches in length. In its upper part there is a series of small radiating holes, and a glass tube whose upper extremity is funnel-shaped reaches its summit and traverses the porous vessel as well as the cap of the jar. The bottom of the porous vessel is paraffined, as is also its upper edge and the head of the carbon. A gutta-percha ring resting upon the bottom of the jar forms a channel which is filled with mercury, and into this dips the lower part of a zinc cylinder some 6½ inches long, 2½ inches in diameter, and weighing about 4½ pounds. Through the cork closing the lower part of the jar pass two tubes, and through the wooden cover two funnel tubes, one of which terminates in the upper part of the zinc vessel, while the other runs to the bottom of the porous vessel. Nitric acid reaches the bottom of the latter by means of this tube, and, rising, flows off through the radiating holes in the carbon. The water containing sulphuric acid enters, on the contrary, through the tube communicating with the zinc compartment, and being rendered denser through the formation of zinc sulphate, flows off through a siphon tube. The level of the liquids is not very different, but that of the sulphuric acid water is a little the higher of the two in the external vessel. A section of a glass tube bent into a circle is arranged at the upper part of the liquid, where it is warmest. This tube is traversed by a current of cold water, in order to keep the liquid at a constant temperature. One of the two tubes entering

the bottom of the jar serves to empty the liquid contents, and is always kept corked when the battery is in operation. All the communications are established by mercurial contacts. The zinc cylinder is connected with a strip of copper contained in a glass tube that traverses the cover, and which dips into the mercury in the gutta-percha trough. The square end of the carbon is hollowed out and the cavity is filled with mercury, which serves to establish communication with the external circuit.

##### Calorimeter Tests for Temperatures.

In many cases where temperatures below the melting point of wrought iron are to be determined the following method will be found convenient and accurate: A small bar of iron weighing from 1 to 5 pounds is suspended in a flue or fire-box, and is allowed to take the temperature of the surrounding gases. The length of time necessary for exposure naturally varies and should be determined experimentally for any particular case. Suppose three bars of the same weight and similarly disposed in a flue are allowed to remain two and one-half minutes, five minutes and ten minutes respectively, the condition of the fire remaining practically unchanged. Then, if the resulting temperatures are substantially alike, the shorter period of time is sufficient to acquire the full temperature of the hot gas; if the two other bars only are alike in temperature, then five minutes will be sufficient. If, however, the ten-minute bar shows the greatest temperature, then further tests with ten minutes as a mean are required. In making a preliminary test the ten-minute bar should first be introduced; five minutes later the five-minute bar, and two and one-half minutes after that the last bar. In other words, the bars should leave the flue or fire-box at the same time. After having thus found the time necessary to acquire the furnace temperature, the operation consists simply in cooling down the bars (respectively) in a known weight of water, noting the temperature of the water before the bar is dropped into it, and after the bar and water have assumed the same temperature. Several bars are used only to insure greater accuracy in the result. Having reached this point we proceed as follows: Let  $w$  = weight of bar when it enters the water;  $W$  = weight of water heated;  $T$  = initial temperature of water, and  $T_1$  = final temperature of water and iron;  $S$  = the specific heat of water at temperature  $T$ ;  $S_1$  = specific heat of water at temperature  $T_1$ , and  $S_2$  = the specific heat of iron, which may be taken as equal to .1138. Then if we make  $R = \frac{W}{w}$ ,  $S_1 - TS$  and  $H = \frac{W}{w}$ , the temperature  $T_2$  of the iron bar, and, consequently, of the hot gases, is  $\frac{H}{S_2} + T_1$ . This method is in many cases preferred to the application of an expansion pyrometer, and for temperatures above 300° F. platinum may be substituted for iron, the specific heat of which, according to Pouillet, is .0382.

##### A New Illuminant.

Lieutenant Diek, of the Russian Army, is said to have discovered a new illuminating substance which is capable of imparting luminous properties to objects to which it is applied. It is in the form of a powder and of three colors, green, yellow and violet, the latter being the most powerful. Water in a glass vessel is by this means converted into an illuminating fluid. In a lecture recently delivered by the inventor at the Nicolai Engineering Academy, at St. Petersburg, he explained the application of the substance to military and industrial mining operations. The illuminating power lasts for eight hours, and the powder must then be renewed. The German Government is said to have lately been making experiments with Lieutenant Diek's invention.

##### A New Fuel.

A Mexican paper gives an account of a new fuel recently brought out in the City of Mexico. The article is called "turbato," and consists principally of bog peat, of which there are immense quantities in Mexico, mixed with a proper proportion of bitumen. The fuel is made for locomotives, stationary engines, smelting purposes, smiths' fires and household purposes. It is said to burn freely and without much smoke, giving a higher dynamic equivalent of heat than the same amount of wood. It can be manufactured and sold in Mexico at a price considerably below coal or wood, and, looking at the daily increasing demand for fuel, the augmentation in the price of wood and its growing scarcity, a large and successful market is considered in store for "turbato."

##### Spontaneous Combustion of Coal.

Referring to the above subject, which has received attention at different times, it may be of interest to state that, according to one authority, the spontaneous ignition is due to the presence of pyrites, which, on oxidation under suitable conditions, sets fire to the coal in which it is imbedded. According to Fayol's experiments, however, the real cause of this phenomenon is the oxidation of the coal itself and not of the pyrites. The absorption of oxygen by coal—carbon—takes place more or less readily according to the temperature and the coal being more or less finely divided. According to the *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry*, England, lignite at 300°, coke at 250° and anthracite at 300° or above. On heating a mixture of finely-powdered coal and pyrites to 200° for four days the coal took up 6 per cent. of oxygen, while the pyrites absorbed only 3.5 per cent. Hence coal absorbs oxygen much more energetically than pyrites, which has also been confirmed by the following experiment: About 900 grams of powdered coal and 3350 grams of powdered pyrites were placed in tin cans and put in a drying chamber. Up to 135° both behaved similarly, but from there the temperature of the pyrites remained almost stationary, while that of the coal quickly rose, ignition taking place after a few hours. Two other samples of coal and pyrites were put in a chamber at 200°. The temperature of the coal quickly increased. After 40 minutes it got up to 200°, and the coal took fire, while the pyrites had at the same time only been raised to 150°. The ignition of the coal was, it is stated, not at all hastened by an admixture of pyrites.

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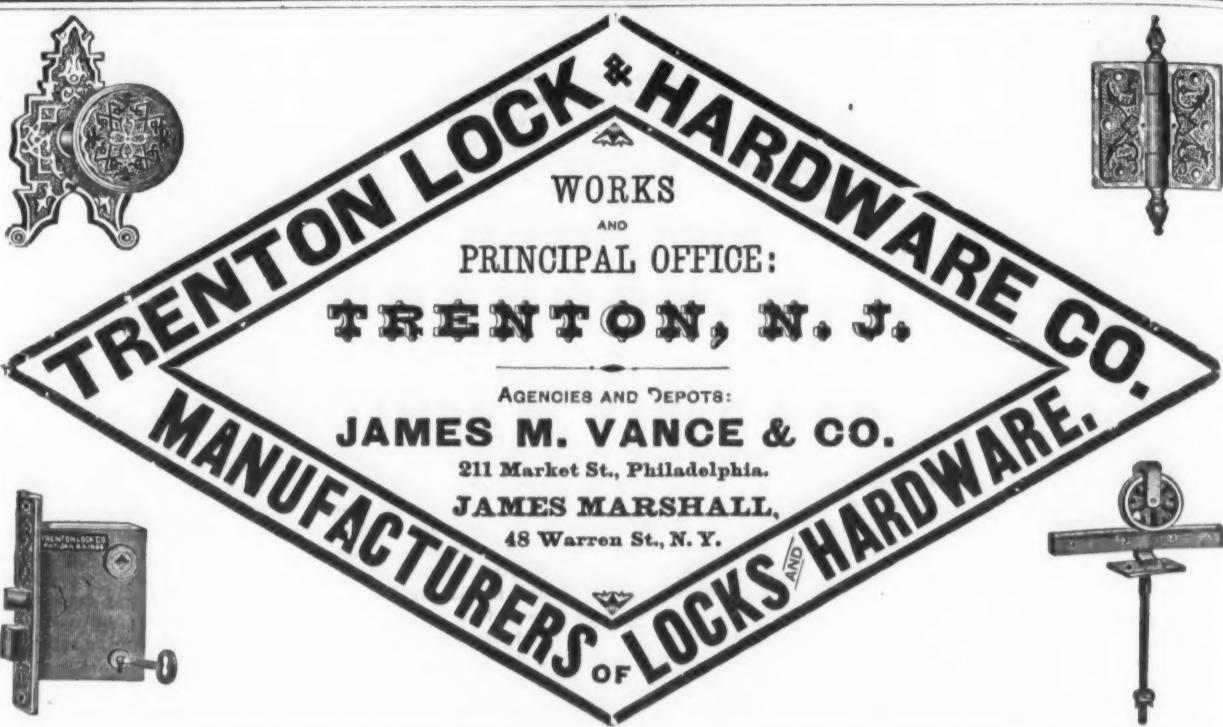
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A foreign correspondent of one of the daily papers, referring to the Statue of Liberty for the harbor of New York, writes as follows:

At Paris I found the papers and the people taking great interest in the reported progress of the subscriptions for the pedestal of Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty. Frenchmen had been really pained by the tardy responses of Americans on this subject. Now they are cheered when they learn there is a better prospect of raising the pedestal fund. Thinking you would like to know the actual condition of the truly great work, I visited Bartholdi's atelier. You are familiar with the figures of its dimensions. But numerals and verbal descriptions, however precise, give you no true idea of the colossal grandeur of the image. It is now all complete but the head and a part of the left arm, which holds the tablet. This headless effigy towers aloft to the height of the average New England church. I saw the workmen in the act of finishing the face. It is of imperial beauty. The expression is grave, but sweet. Even on a close view, one can grasp its subtle charm forgetful of its gigantic proportions. What say to a woman whose lips arch in a cupid's bow 3 or 4 feet long? The coiffure or chignon which will adorn the shapely head is as big as a Broadway stage. The curls that grace her fair cheeks are of the size of barrels. Everything is on this scale of magnitude. The toe that peeps out from the hem of her flowing robe would seat three or four people. As you know, the material of the statue is pure sheet copper, about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch thick. This is hammered into the requisite shapes for the several parts of the figure and then bolted together. At a little distance the seams and rivets do not show, the whole appearing like a solid single casting. After little exposure to the elements the bright red copper assumes a rich dark hue far superior to that of any bronze. M. Bartholdi expects to have Liberty ready for shipment to New York in two months. The pieces, some hundreds in number, are now only hemstitched (so to say) as they are combined in his yard. They can be easily taken apart, and will be fully riveted only when they are rejoined on the summit of the pedestal which awaits its lovely mistress on Bedloe's Island.

tem, is so large that it will require no very

great period of time for a cable road to pay for the difference in the cost of construction out of its increased net earnings, and the wire-cable system will, doubtless, before many years be in general use in all the large cities throughout the United States. But for small towns, where short and infrequent runs are made, and only single tracks are in use, the cable system will probably never be adopted to any great extent, because in such places the extra cost of the track and plant would not be met by the saving in running expenses.

### Reforms in the Glass Trade.

Mr. John O'Leary, who was one of the secretaries of the Window Glass Manufacturers' Convention, held in Chicago on August 20, said recently that the action of the convention in adhering to the demand for a reduction of wages was unanimous, and that every person present was determined to enforce that reduction. "In proof of this," said he, "is the fact that our entire session lasted only from 10 o'clock in the morning until 2 in the afternoon. Each member signed an agreement pledging himself not to start his factory until the conditions are complied with. The reduction of wages is not the question upon which we intend to make the main fight. The workmen will be compelled to rescind their rule under which blowers are allowed to make only 48 boxes of glass per week. The capacity of a pot is 60 boxes per week, and it costs us just as much to melt the pot out of which only 40 boxes are taken as it does to melt the pot which nets us 60 boxes. There is a considerable loss, for the glass remaining has to be taken out of the pot and returned the next day, thus making the manufacturer pay half a dozen times for melting the same glass. Another matter on which we will make a fight is the question of 'spare' pots—that is, the pots left standing full of glass by a blower who does not choose to come to work on that day. The manufacturers must pay extra for having it dipped out on the floor in order that all the pots may be given the same degree of heat the next day. These abuses must be remedied, and we are determined that they shall be remedied. The men have become so bound up by the rules of their association that we are compelled to go into a struggle with that power, and they may rest assured that we go into it to win. The reduction that we propose does not amount to more than 5 per cent., while the changes in the tariff have reduced the duty on glass 25 cents per 100 feet. We understand that it was the intention of the workmen to ask that all distinction in reference to quality be abolished; in other words, that we be made to pay as much for second-rate glass as we do for the best. We must have the power of the association restricted, or the members must become more reasonable. The entire body of glass manufacturers are fully determined to have a change made in many usages about the factories. We meet the workmen again on September 20, and if they do not accept our terms by that time, then comes foreign labor, as we can do nothing else." The workmen laugh at the foreign-labor threat. They say it has been tried before and has proved a very expensive failure. No person expects anything now but a long strike. The last battle, several years ago, lasted more than 12 months.

### Cable Street Railways.

Referring to the above subject, the Chicago

Railway Age remarks that as the construction of wire-cable street railways is now

being agitated in a number of cities in the

United States, a brief history of the cable

railway, with some figures as to cost of

construction and operation, as compared

with the horse system, will be of interest.

The cable street railway is the invention

of Mr. A. S. Hallie, and was first put

in use by the Clay Street Hill Railroad

Company, in the city of San Francisco,

in the year 1873. After this line had been

in operation for three and a half years the

Sutter Street Railroad Company, of the same

city, whose lines had been worked unprofitably

for years by horses, changed from a

horse road to the wire-cable system. This

road, which is three miles long, is 5 feet

gauge, and its greatest elevation is 167 feet

above its initial point. The California Street

Railroad commenced running in 1878, and

that of Geary street in 1880. All of these

roads have been extended since first built, so

that now San Francisco has 50 miles of the

cable system in operation.

Chicago was the next city to try the

experiment, and she now has 20 miles of

cable road, which has been successfully

operated for over a year. The cable system

is also in operation on the great East River

Bridge, which connects the cities of New

York and Brooklyn, the first trip having

been made on the 18th of the past month.

With this exception, Chicago and San Fran-

cisco are the only cities in the United States

that have the cable system in use. A com-

pany has recently been organized in Phila-

delphia, for the purpose of introducing the

system in that city, and the subject is being

strongly agitated in other cities.

The cost of building a cable road varies

from \$40,000 to \$125,000 per mile, owing to

the style of construction, kind of soil, grades,

&c. In Chicago it was about \$115,000 per

mile. Owing to the severe winter and heavy

snows, the tube in which the cable runs was

made over 4 feet in depth, and the cable was

placed about 30 inches above the bottom of

the tube, to allow for the accumulation of

light snow which might drift in through the

narrow slit in the top of the tube. The foun-

dation for the road-bed and tube was quite

soft and yielding, and, consequently, needed

a broad base of concrete to sustain the

superstructure; hence the heavy expense of

construction. In San Francisco the cost was

much lighter. The cost of constructing 3

miles of road in that city was \$155,698, to

which should be added \$86,000 for equipping

the road. This includes engines, boilers,

driving machinery, 15 cars, the same num-

ber of dummies, buildings, &c., and makes

the cost of the double-track road, ready for

operation, \$241,758. The expense of oper-

ating a cable road is estimated at from 50 to

60 per cent. of what it costs to operate a

horse railway. The average expense of

operating horse railway 3 miles in length,

double track, with a speed of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles per

hour, with 82 cars and headway of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes,

is estimated at \$138,880 per annum, exclu-

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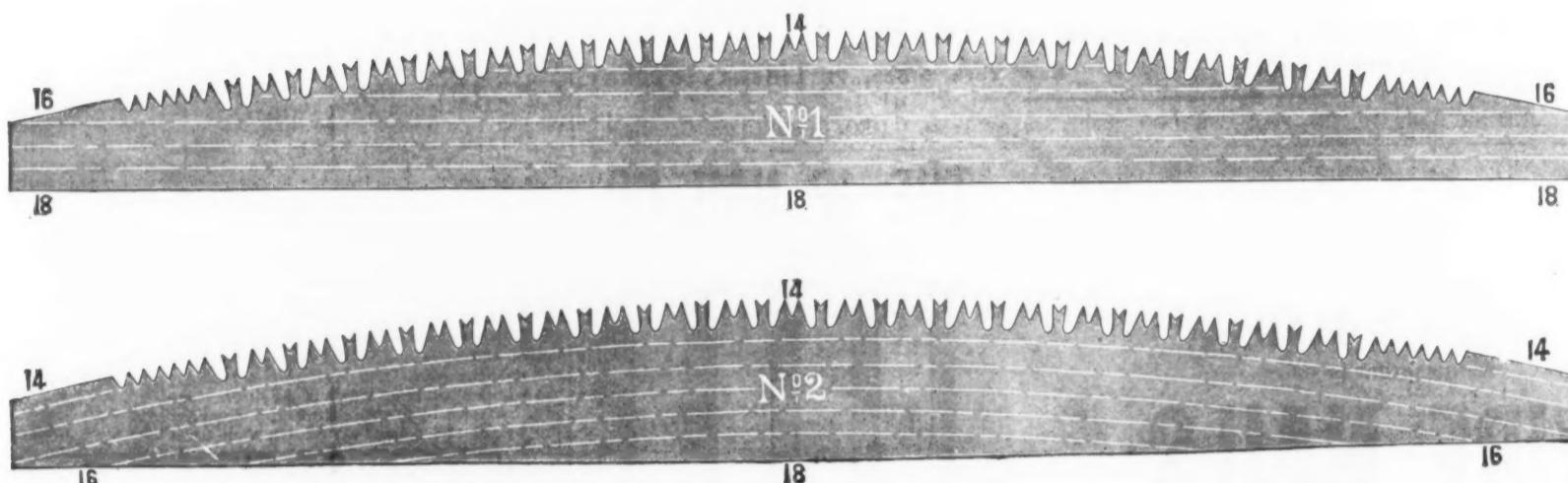
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## Mechanical Puddling.\*

BY J. G. DANKS.

My purpose in this paper is not to treat on the science of puddling generally, but merely to sketch the history of mechanical puddling, the difficulties encountered, and the manner in which they have been overcome. It is necessary first to describe briefly the old or hand system of puddling, as it may assist in understanding the difficulties to be met in performing the work by machinery. Puddling is the process in most general use for converting cast iron into wrought iron, by first melting, and then agitating the metal while kept at a high temperature, in which operation it is deprived of its carbon, silicon and other impurities.

The process was first introduced by Henry Cort, in England, in the year 1780. In partnership with Samuel Jellico, at Fontley, in Southampton, he worked out this problem, which was at that time the most important step ever taken toward increasing the quantity and reducing the cost of manufacturing iron. A reverberatory furnace was used, which consisted of a fire-grate, puddling chamber and flue, covered with a fire-brick roof, and separated from each other by bridge walls, which, though high enough to confine the iron and fuel in their respective chambers, allowed a free passage of the burning gases from the fire-grate to the puddling chamber, and thence through the flue to the chimney proper, provided with a damper by which the puddler controlled the temperature of the furnace, and, to some extent, the character of the flame. The bottom and sides of the puddling chamber in Cort's furnace were lined with sand, and, as the removal of silicon is one of the chief objects of the puddling process, it will be readily seen that one of Cort's worst enemies (sand) was present at all stages of the operation. Notwithstanding this, the advantage of his invention to the manufacturing interests of England may be partly seen by the following figures: The total amount of iron manufactured in 1720 was about 12,000 tons, and at the time of Cort's patent—1780—about 90,000 tons, which in 1820 had increased to 400,000 tons, an increase due almost exclusively to Cort's invention. Although he had added millions of pounds sterling to the wealth of the Kingdom, and opened the way for the employment of hundreds of thousands of men, the only recognition his services received was the empty honor of being a great inventor and the little estate now occupied by his moldering remains in Hampstead church-yard.

The first important improvement subsequently made in puddling was the invention of Samuel B. Rogers, consisting in the substitution of iron plating to the bottom and sides of the puddling chamber, covered to a depth of 10 or 12 inches with a rich oxide of iron, instead of sand. The plates are so constructed as to allow a free circulation of air, to prevent overheating. This oxide bottom not only permits the working of the iron at a much higher temperature than was possible on the sand bottom, but is itself a valuable agent in the removal of the carbon, silicon, phosphorus and other impurities contained in the crude metal. The invention of Rogers was fully as important to the trade as that of Cort, yet the most substantial benefit we hear of his receiving was the nickname of "Old Iron Bottom," by which he was known all over England. But little change has taken place in the process of puddling by hand since the latter invention was introduced, and, although it is, in a scientific point of view, one of the most interesting operations in iron manufacture, it is also the most slavish and exhaustive labor to those engaged in it.

The earliest authentic records I find on mechanical puddling are the patents of Mr. Walker and Mr. Warren, of England, who, in the year 1853, took out a patent for a rotating cylinder lined with fire-brick. The axis of the cylinder was inclined to a horizontal axis of rotation, so that, as it revolved, the fluid metal was caused to flow from one end to the other. I am not aware that they ever built a furnace so as to test their ideas in practice. In 1856, Mr. Samuel Danks (the writer's father) filed a caveat in the United States Patent Office for a revolving puddling furnace, and he had a furnace nearly completed in Mount Savage, Md., when the panic of 1857 caused the abandonment of the work for the time. In 1859, Mr. W. Tooth, of London, England, took out patents for a mechanical puddling furnace, and was given every facility for testing the apparatus by Mr. William Menelaus, of the Dowlais Iron Works, in Wales, where a complete forge was erected, and some good iron is said to have been produced. The lining used in these furnaces was either fire-brick or gannister, and Mr. Menelaus stated that the latter was found to be the best material he had tried. In 1863, Mr. Tooth and a Mr. Yates obtained additional patents for improvements in the process, all of which were tested at the Dowlais Works. In 1867, after having spent upward of \$150,000 in experimenting, it was abandoned. Mr. Menelaus, in a paper read before the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, gave a description of their failures, which were mainly due to the want of a good lining for the puddling chamber. Afterward, when showing a number of prominent ironmasters through the Dowlais Works, he pointed to the corner occupied by these furnaces as the "burying ground of mechanical puddling."

It is important to notice that up to this time the only lining used in mechanical puddling was a highly-silicious one (like that used by Mr. Cort in the first introduction of hand puddling), which would be readily dissolved by the molten metal and the oxides with which it was constantly coming in contact. Under these circumstances it was found to be practically impossible to remove the impurities from the metal sufficiently to insure a good fibrous iron. Nor was this all; the character of the lining material was such that, when the iron was formed into a ball, its weight constantly broke the lining down, so that it was proved to be unfit to withstand either the chemical or the mechanical action to which it was of necessity subjected. An attempt was made to use

an oxide-of-iron lining in the cylinder, but, from the manner in which it was poured in, it was evidently an oxide too high in silica for the purpose; or, if an oxide of sufficient purity were melted upon an initial lining of silica, sufficient of the latter would be dissolved during the melting to render it worthless. During the time when these experiments were being carried on in England (between 1863 and 1868), Mr. Danks moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to remodel the old merchant mill on East Front street, and adapt it to the manufacture of iron rails. Here he again revived the question of mechanical puddling, and had obtained patents for a lining which, it was believed, would answer successfully all the requirements of use.

In May, 1868, a small experimental furnace was built, with a capacity of working only about 300 pounds of iron at one charge, being thus limited by the machinery at hand to deal with the iron. Six hand-puddling furnaces were in use in the mill at this time, with the usual complement of workmen, and while the new furnace was approaching completion the comments made by those engaged in the hand process were not encouraging, for they were, with few exceptions, opposed to any attempts to perform their labor by machinery. Briefly, the new furnace consisted, first, of a fireplace about 4 feet square, the outer shell of which was made of iron plates lined with fire-brick. Adjacent to this was the revolving cylinder, about 3 feet long and 4 feet in diameter, with a contracted opening at each end. One end of the cylinder was made to fit close against the fireplace, and the other end provided with an adjustable elbow-piece, forming a tight joint with the cylinder end, and also serving as a connection between the cylinder and the chimney by which the waste gases escaped. The cylinder was mounted on four rollers, the end joints kept tight by a strong iron prop which forced against the shiftable elbow-piece, the latter being also provided with a side prop holding it firmly in position while the furnace was at work. The cylinder ends were kept cool by jets of water. The bridge casting, the bridge and door rings, also the front of the shiftable piece, were kept cool by water circulating through them. The fireplace was provided with a bridge-wall reaching half-way up the opening in the cylinder end, to prevent a mixture of the fuel and iron, but leaving a free passage for the gases through the furnace. The fire-grate was also provided with two blast-pipes, respectively for forcing air underneath and over the fire. The bottom blast entered the ash-pit and found its way up through the burning fuel. The top blast entered an air-space formed over the roof of the furnace, and was admitted to the furnace proper through a finely perforated brick arch, as nearly over the bridge-wall as possible. Each blast-pipe was provided with a valve, under the control of the puddler.

The advantages of forced blast in this form of furnace are many; chief among them are, first, a higher temperature than can be obtained by natural draft; and, second, that a slight pressure of flame may be kept in the furnace, which prevents the entrance of cold air at the cylinder joints, thereby avoiding not only a reduction of the temperature of the furnace, but a waste of iron by oxidation. The cylinder plates were ribbed on the inside, so as to hold the lining, and the machine was rotated by a small steam engine. When everything else was ready, and the cylinder revolved a number of times, the lining was put in. This was done by first mixing pulverized iron Mountain ore into stiff mortar with about six times its bulk of thick lime-cream in a grinding mill consisting of a revolving pan and two heavy iron rollers, and with this material covering the ribs of the cylinder plates to the depth of 1 inch, making an average thickness between the ribs of 4 or 5 inches. The lower half of the cylinder was first lined, a good surface being put on it with a trowel, and the whole was then thoroughly dried by building upon it a wood fire. The cylinder was then turned a half revolution and the lining completed and dried. This was called the initial lining, and was only used to protect the plates while the real or working lining was put in. The furnace being now fired up slowly, a quantity of roll-scale or hammer-scale was first melted, so as thoroughly to glaze the initial lining. A large quantity of pulverized ore and some light wrought scrap were now put into the cylinder and melted, the cylinder having been revolved slowly during the melting. After melting, the rotation was stopped and a quantity of dry lumps of ore thrown into the bath, serving the double purpose of presenting a rough surface to assist in agitating the iron, and also to hasten the cooling of the liquid oxide. After hardening sufficiently, a further quantity of ore and scrap was thrown in and melted—this operation being repeated about five times usually completes the lining. The vitreous coating thus formed is very hard, and I never knew of its breaking down after once being cooled, except at the openings at the ends of the cylinder, where it is thin. The lining gradually wears away, but it is easily repaired, and the entire lining need never be taken out unless for some necessary repairs to the plates.

When the furnace was put to the test of puddling iron, the ridicule so lavishly heaped upon it by the men ceased, a lively competition ensued, and it became evident that they had laughed too soon, for the machine had not been in operation many days before it produced seven charges of iron in less time than they could produce six by hand, and required less than one-fourth the amount of manual labor, although employing the same number of men. The quality of the iron was found to be superior in every respect to that made by hand. This furnace was experimented with for some time, and then, with the view of puddling larger heats and still utilizing the old machinery, two larger ones were built, in which the diameter of the cylinders was about the same, but the length increased to about 6 feet, it being the intention to divide the charge into two or more balls. This was attempted by leaving apertures in the cylinder plates, through which pieces of soapstone or other refractory material could be inserted, for the purpose of breaking the iron asunder as the furnace re-

volved. Large lumps of iron ore were left projecting high above the general level of the lining; cast-iron projections, covered with a thin layer of the initial lining, were inserted, but all gave a good deal of trouble and were finally abandoned as impracticable.

By carefully watching and testing the product of these two furnaces, a much more serious difficulty presented itself. In a cylinder so long in proportion to its diameter, the end next to the fire-grate was always much hotter than the other, and the iron at this end was always the best, thus producing two qualities of iron in each charge. Added to this lack of uniformity (which was not met with in the small furnace) was the labor of separating the iron. There seemed no way left to adapt the system to existing machinery; in fact, experience indicated that the further we departed from the old method of making the iron into a number of small balls, the better would be the results. Accordingly, furnaces were built with cylinders 6 feet in diameter and 4 feet 6 inches long, in which the entire charge was made into one ball. With slight alteration, the old squeezer was made to take these balls of 600 pounds, and the iron was found to be perfectly uniform. The results obtained were so satisfactory that in 1870 the company authorized the removal of all the hand-puddling furnaces as fast as machines could be built to replace them. One result constantly met with was the subject of much unfavorable comment among those who had not investigated the subject. It was the fact that, instead of the usual loss of from 10 to 15 per cent. in weight by hand-puddling, there was a gain of from 5 to 8 per cent.—that is, out of 500 pounds of pig iron charged into the furnace, there was obtained in puddled bars from 525 to 540 pounds. The gain often ran up to 10 per cent., but the figures given will represent a fair average.

I will now describe the operation of puddling by machinery, in which we will find at least a partial solution of the above mentioned seeming impossibility. Puddling is essentially a refining process, and as the refining is best accomplished while the iron is in a fluid state, a gray pig is preferable to a white pig, because it may be kept fluid as long as desired, this property being chiefly due to the amount of silicon it contains. White iron, which usually contains a low percentage of silicon, begins to granulate very soon after melting, unless a large amount of phosphorus is present. The refining agent used in puddling is an oxide of iron, and a quantity of the latter is usually put into the furnace, in the shape of hammer cinder, squeezer cinder or roll-scale, with each charge of iron. As soon as they are melted, the furnace is started to revolve slowly, the iron being covered by a bath of liquid oxide. To facilitate the operation, a small jet of water is now thrown, by means of a rubber hose, upon the descending side of the furnace lining, immediately above the liquid iron. This chills a part of the oxide, which, adhering to the lining, is carried down through the iron, oxidizing the silicon, phosphorus, and such other impurities as the iron may contain, and these become incorporated with the cinders. It is interesting to watch these changes taking place. The iron, which at first was quite fluid and somewhat resembling quicksilver, becomes gradually thicker, until, when the refining is complete, it has entirely lost its silvery appearance and comes to the consistency of thick paste or mortar, its melting temperature having materially increased. The bath of oxide, on the contrary, has become more fluid and its melting temperature decreased. This operation is carried as far as possible without causing ebullition. The temperature is now raised so as to thoroughly liquefy all the oxide, which is now removed from the furnace through a tapping hole. When this is done, the furnace is again put in more rapid motion, so as thoroughly to agitate the iron. Up to this point the iron has retained a large part of its carbon, which is now rapidly oxidized by the lining of the furnace and causes violent ebullition. The iron has now reached the granulated state and occupies five or six times the space it did when fluid. The carbonic oxide gas, produced by a union of the oxygen of the lining and the carbon of the metal, presents a beautiful appearance as it bursts through the surface in many hundred jets of pale blue flame.

When carbon is burned by free oxygen it has no effect in reducing oxide of iron; but when the carbon is oxidized by the solid oxide of the furnace lining, the oxide containing it is reduced to the metallic state and is added to the charge, and as from 300 to 600 pounds of iron ore are used (in the shape of lining) for every ton of iron produced, it must be the iron reduced from this lining which increases the charge and makes it greater than the original weight of pig iron. It is believed by many that silicon has this power to reduce oxide of iron to the metallic state, and it is a fact, well established, that iron containing a high percentage of silicon gives a better yield than iron containing but little silicon, although the carbon in both cases may be the same. The boiling operation usually lasts from 10 to 15 minutes, when the grains of iron unite, forming a spongy mass, which is then removed from the furnace to be squeezed, hammered or rolled into bars, as may be required. The boiling operation usually lasts from 10 to 15 minutes, when the grains of iron unite, forming a spongy mass, which is then removed from the furnace to be squeezed, hammered or rolled into bars, as may be required. The cylinder of the furnace is built of steel plates strongly riveted together, and is 6 feet 6 inches in diameter and same length. The fire-grate is fitted with our automatic stoker. The furnace has been in operation about six months, and the product put into steel with such favorable results that others are now in process of erection.

It would require a large volume to record all the perplexing problems that have presented themselves to those engaged in perfecting this system. The point which perhaps gave most trouble was the abrasion ring at each end of the cylinder. These rings are not only subjected to a good deal of friction as the cylinder revolves, but also to unequal expansion and contraction. It was important that they should be kept cool, and if the workman neglected to keep water turned on, they became hot, and, in cooling, became cracked, so that if a large stream of water was turned on, part of it ran into the furnace.

The requirements of the case called for a ring which should stand the friction without wearing too fast, and be of such material as would stand repeated heating and cooling, and constructed in such a manner that no matter how much water was turned on, it could not get into the furnace. About 25 different modifications were tried, both in wrought and cast iron, and considerable time was re-

quired to test their respective merits. The ends of the first cylinders were straight-faced instead of conical, and when the furnaces were cooled down on Saturdays, the lining was found to have a number of cracks varying from  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in width, due to shrinkage. During the repairs to the brickwork, these cracks became filled with fine dust; and when the furnace was heated again they could not close up, and the expansive force was sufficient to break the cylinder plates, though they were provided with heavy wrought-iron bolts and bands. This suggested the conical ends, which were found effectually to remedy the difficulty. So, indeed, it might be said of nearly every detail of the present mechanical puddling furnace—all have been suggested by experience, and, although many of the furnaces first started have been discontinued, the work of the past 10 years has not been in vain, for progress, though necessarily slow, has been sure, and it may be safely affirmed that the mechanical puddling furnace of today is not only a durable, but an economical, machine.

The full benefits of mechanical puddling will not be realized until it has almost entirely abolished the present plan of making pig iron for mill purposes. The fluid metal will be taken directly from the blast furnace to the puddling machines, where it may be worked in charges of one ton each, and the spongy ball, after having been squeezed into a compact bloom, say, of 15 inches diameter, taken directly from the squeezer to a powerfull universal mill, and either reduced to a bar from 10 to 15 inches wide and 1 inch thick, or, if desired, made into a square billet of any size down to 5 or 6 inches; the bars cut and piled in lengths required for different purposes; the billets sheared and taken, while hot, to a heating furnace, where, with a wash-heat, they may be rolled into any small sections required, without the intermediate process of piling, or having been allowed to cool, in one continuous process from the time the ore is first heated until it is bar iron ready for market. Working under such conditions as these, a product of 10 or 12 tons can be relied upon from each machine every 12 hours (instead of 1½ tons made by hand), and of a quality far superior to that produced by the old system.

## A Canal Through Palestine.

At a meeting of the London Balloon Society, Captain Molesworth, R. N., delivered a lecture upon the subject of the proposed Jordan Canal. The idea was, he said, to cut the canal 25 miles from Acre to the valley of the Jordan. It would be about 33 feet deep, so as to accommodate the largest ship. It would, moreover, be about 200 feet wide, which would be sufficient to allow vessels to pass each other. There would be no necessity for locks, because, when the water was let in, the water of the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean would practically flow on the same level to the Akaba Gulf of the Red Sea. The cutting of the canal seemed to present no great engineering difficulties. A company had been got up, and that company spoke of the expense as about £8,000,000, but if it could be carried out for £20,000,000 the advantage would still be largely in favor of the ship owner. Some discussion followed, in the course of which doubt was expressed as to the financial success of the scheme, owing mainly to the fact that if carried out it would flood many miles of valuable fertile land on either side of the river. The general opinion was in favor of the canal, and ultimately the following resolution was adopted: "That, in the opinion of this meeting, the canal which is proposed from the Mediterranean through the River Jordan and the Dead Sea to the Gulf of Akaba is absolutely necessary for the growing commerce between the Eastern and Western nations of this hemisphere." The Constantinople correspondent of the *Standard* says that Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, who is now in the Turkish capital to represent the interests of the English syndicate for cutting a channel for a waterway through Palestine, has had a very favorable reception at the palace, for which Musurus Pacha had paved the way by his warm recommendations of the scheme. The Sultan, it is said, views with favor the project in question, which, by opening up a water passage into the Red Sea, would render Turkey independent of the Suez Canal, over which His Majesty now exercises only the most nominal control.

The large tunnel under Jones & Laughlin's Iron Works, at Pittsburgh, was recently completed. It was constructed by the Vanderbilt Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Youngstown Railroad, and is some 1650 feet long. Its cost will be \$500,000. Over 600 men were employed on it for a year. The tunnel is one of the engineering feats of the day. The roof is only a few feet below the top of the mill floor, where massive rolls, hammers and hundreds of men were working. The mill is the largest single mill in the United States, and none of the buildings were injured, and work was not delayed an hour. The ground through which the tunnel passes was mill cinder and slag. For over 100 feet the slag was so hard that it could not be blasted. Heavy weights were dropped on it, and the broken pieces buried in holes where they fell, as they could not be moved, the masses were so large. The road opened for a distance of 60 miles on Sunday for freight traffic.

The craze for ship canals still continues unabated. The last canal proposed is a waterway through Palestine, from Acre, on the Mediterranean, to Akaba, on the Red Sea. This is to be in opposition to the De Lesseps Suez canal and the proposed new Suez canal. In order to make the Palestine canal, it is proposed to have a canal, 25 miles in length, from Haifa, in the Bay of Acre, through the plains of Ashdraelon, to the valley of the River Jordan; this canal is to be 200 feet wide and 40 feet deep; thence the route will be to the Dead Sea, and the latter will be connected with the Red Sea by a canal 20 miles in length, from the head of the Gulf of Akaba. This is the proposition, but whether it will be carried out will no doubt depend upon the manner in which the public will receive the scheme.

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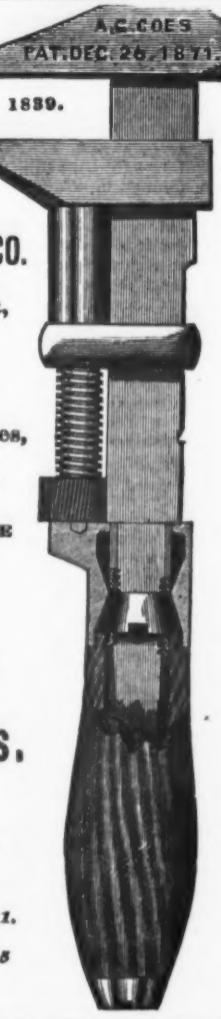
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## The Panama Canal.

In an interesting account relating to the Panama Canal, *Engineering* states that the first consideration which presented itself, when the scheme was to be put into execution, was the choice of a port, adapted both for the disembarkation of the plant and stores required for the works, and for the residence or the population which would necessarily collect there. Colon was naturally fixed upon, being the point of arrival of the regular steamers, and the terminus of the railway across the isthmus, and having, besides, good wharfage. On examination, however, these advantages for the most part disappeared. The steamboats, with fixed times of arrival and departure, could not hold themselves at the service of the canal company, the railway company threw difficulties in the way of co-operation, and the wharves were already appropriated. Moreover, Colon is the most unhealthy situation on the isthmus, the town being built on the Isle of Manzanillo, the interior of which is a stagnant marsh. It was not therefore surprising that it was proposed to abandon Colon, and form a fluvial port, instead, at Gatun, on the River Chagres. In pursuance of this idea, Lesseps City was commenced; but the bad accommodation, which was all that the pioneer workmen could obtain, exposed them to malarial fevers, and the result was an amount of sickness and mortality that produced a panic, and caused the abandonment of the unfortunate "city," which had been founded with so much *éclat*.

Thus thrown back upon Colon, the company decided to create a port of their own there by embankment and filling up a stretch of the marshy shore on the southwest side of the Isle of Manzanillo, along the entrance to the future canal, and terminating just opposite the mouth of Folk's River. The harbor at this point was to be deepened, and protected at the seaside by a mole thrown out into the Bay of Simon. The whole embankment has been named after Christopher Columbus. The execution of this gigantic work is occupying all the energies of the Colon section. About 458,000 cubic yards of ballast were required, and it was unfortunately impossible to obtain these from the dredgings of the harbor, as the latter consist almost entirely of slime, or living madrepores, which (for sanitary reasons) it would be out of the question to expose to the sun in large quantities. The material, therefore, had to be obtained from some low hills at a distance of a little over two miles. This part of the work is nearly completed, and 74 acres are now reclaimed partly from the marsh and partly from the sea, and faced toward the harbor by a wall of masonry going down to a depth of 26 feet. For this, stone was necessary, and this has been obtained from another cutting opened at Keeny's Bluff, on the opposite side of the bay, the stone being brought across in barges. In the course of quarrying at this point a spring of drinkable water was discovered, which was a great piece of good fortune, as Colon is entirely unprovided with this necessary of life. When the embankment is completed the quays will be 300 feet long, and the mole which shelters them will be 656 feet long, and (on an average) 377 feet wide. One covered wharf is now ready for use.

The makeshift condition of all arrangements before the commencement and pending the completion of the Christopher Columbus embankment, entailed in the earlier stages of the work immense additional labor on all concerned, a fatigue which cost the life of the first engineer, M. Etienne. At present matters are gradually coming into order, but the necessity of utilizing every spot of firm ground as fast as it is formed (irrespective of the final plan for the position of dwellings, establishments, railway lines, &c.) must for some time still cause inconvenience and frequent alterations. A double row of houses, for employees, has been erected along the embankment, and named Charles de Lesseps street, and, as they are built upon wholesome soil and open to the sea breezes, they are expected to be healthy. The dredging of the harbor has not made much progress, as little work could be done until the mole was sufficiently advanced to afford shelter to the dredgers, and at the time of writing the marine dredger supplied by Lohnitz, of Garelock, had only just arrived, and was not yet in action. Great results are expected from this machine, which is 180 feet long, 25 feet wide and 11 feet deep. The engines (one of which drives the chain buckets, and the other the screw) are of 250 horse-power, and the dredger safely crossed the Atlantic by herself. A similar dredger is to be dispatched from the same establishment to Panama, and the task of those who have to take her round the Horn is not to be envied. The bay off the embankment has already been so far deepened that there is a free channel up to the mouth of the canal. At this point the work is taken up by a firm of American contractors, who have undertaken to excavate the canal as far as Gatun.

Turning now to the other or Pacific end of the canal, we find the principal offices of the company are located in a building which was formerly the Grand Hotel of Panama and was bought for \$200,000. On April 1 the actual number of the staff was: Workmen employed on the line, 615; agents engaged on the Isthmus, 150; and agents contracted for in France, 161; or a total of 646. The laborers are Colombians, Martineans and Jamaicans, the latter outnumbering the two former in the proportion of 4500 to 1658. At present 600 workmen are employed in the neighborhood of the offices, building roads, laying out gardens, leveling mounds and the like, and it is expected that such work, together with the erection of the central stables and central hospital, will be completed at the end of this year. The contract for the first section on the Pacific side, from Pedro Miguel to Rio Grande, has been let to the Franco-American Trading Company, who have not as yet commenced work. Their machinery is being completed in the United States, and they are supposed to put the dredges in motion in July. The quantities of material to be removed will amount to 3,816,000 c. m., and the price to be paid is 28 cents the cubic meter for earth, with special rates for rock. The contractors are to hand over their portion of the canal, completed, in two years, at a cost of about \$1,200,000.

In the next section of Paraíso a large amount of preliminary work has been accomplished in the way of workshops, stores, offices and cottages, there being 415 laborers engaged in this way. The actual excavation is expected to begin in November, and in the meantime care is being taken to provide sufficient and healthy shelter for the men, the plan adopted being to build the huts on four posts and thatch them with palm leaves, so that there shall be ample ventilation both below and above. In the summit section of Culebra, all the machinery has been erected on the spot by English and American mechanics. The excavators, ten in number, are of American manufacture, being of the Otis and Osgood types. There are also on the ground 10 locomotives, 300 wagons, several cranes and steam pumps, 450 tons of steel rails, two portable engines, 100 Decauville wagons, and somewhat over a mile of rails. The excavator tracks are nearly all laid down, and many sidings for trucks connecting with the main line of the Panama Railway are completed. The laborers number nearly 700. The contract amounts to 3,500,000 c. m., at 60 cents per meter for the first million, and 55 cents for the remainder, the total cost, with rock blasting, being \$2,250,000.

The next section, that of Emperador, reveals the most substantial progress of any. A convenient town has been built in the French style, and there have been laid about 41 miles of rails, 7000 sleepers for excavators, 25,000 for ordinary track and 50 switches and crossings. Already 12 excavators, two engines, eight cranes and 400 wagons are ready for work, and 100,000 c. m. of earth have been removed. The total amount included in the contract for this section is 3,000,000 c. m., the price being \$1.75 for the first 500,000, \$1.15 for the next 1,800,000 and 90 cents for the remaining 700,000, or \$3,575,000 in all. The principal feature of the work in the next section is the building of a railway to the barrage of the River Chagres; all stone and earth excavated at this section will be conveyed to Gamboa by rail, to build the dam between the Cerro Cruz and Cerro Obispo. The barrage is to be constructed between these two hills, terminating at each end in the sides of the Cerros. Its length is 2600 feet, and its height 100 feet, while its capacity is 660,000 c. m. This reservoir is intended to catch the storm water, and so prevent it from scouring out the channel of the canal. The greatest rainfall hitherto noted has been 80 c. m. in a month, which would give 720,000,000 c. m. of water, and hence the greatest rise would never be able to overflow or even fill the barrage. There are 430 men at work on this portion of the undertaking.

In the next section of Gorgona the excavation track has been laid and many sidings completed. The canal cuts the Chagres five times, and sometimes follows its bed when the curves are not sharp. The same thing occurs at fifteen different places in the next two sections of San Pablo and Bochio Soldado, in each of which some of the preliminary work has been done. The remainder of the cutting toward Colon is to be effected, as already explained, by dredgers, which are expected to get to work in a short time, and as the ground is soft and marshy there is no great difficulty to be apprehended. Of the vast quantity of material required for the whole work, only a portion has yet been received. Of sixty locomotives ordered in Europe, twenty were at work at the beginning of the year, and twenty-seven have since been dispatched to the Isthmus. About 2000 railway trucks, landing places, &c., were ordered; 600 of these only have been received, and most of them are in use. Of fifty Couvreux excavators, only eighteen have arrived: but the ground is not everywhere cleared, so as to enable them to set to work. The service of dredgers, barges, tugs and other vessels appears to be complete. Three repairing shops are being established—one at Colon, another at Gorgona, toward the middle of the Isthmus, and the third on the Pacific slope.

Although considerable sickness prevailed some time since, the cases of illness are now reported to have fallen to 14.30 per cent. and the mortality to 2.5 per cent. The prevailing complaints are yellow, malignant, intermittent, remittent, bilious and marsh fevers, dysentery, phthisis and pneumonia—a sufficiently formidable list to deter any reasonable person from joining the enterprise except under very special inducements. When, however, the hospitals and the dwellings are completed and the laborers have learned to take precautions against chills and exposure to malaria, it may be expected that the difficulties arising from sickness will cease to be as formidable as they have hitherto proved themselves to be. The labor question still remains unsolved; 6000 men are now employed upon mere preliminaries, and the simple list of the machinery which has been ordered reveals what large extra gangs will be needed to deal with the enormous masses of material which the excavators and other apparatus, if efficiently handled, may be expected to remove daily. When the material to be dealt with is reckoned in millions of cubic meters, as it is in several of the sections, 500 or 600 men will avail but little, especially when it is remembered how much the effective number will be lessened when mechanics, clerks, storekeepers, cooks and the like, have been deducted.

The Supervising Inspector-General of the Steam Vessels reports that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1883, the total number of accidents on river steamers resulting in loss of life was 34, of which 12 were from explosions, 5 from fire, 11 from collisions and 6 from snags, wrecks and sinking. The total number of lives lost by accidents from various causes during the year was 284, of which 69 were from explosion or accident; 18 from steam, 82 from collisions, 45 from fire, 50 from wrecks or foundering, 31 from accidental drowning, and 5 from other causes. As compared with the previous fiscal year, the number of accidents to steamers was less, while the loss of life was greater. Total number of accidents to steamers resulting in loss of life in 1882, 41; do. in 1883, 34; decrease, 7. Total number of lives lost in 1882, 205; do. in 1883, 284; increase, 79. The main increase occurred in accidents caused by collisions.

## The Cause of Evident Magnetism in Iron, Steel, and Other Magnetic Metals.\*

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The extreme sensitiveness of the induction balance to all molecular changes in the structure of metals was remarked in my first paper on this subject to the Royal Society,† and in the case of iron and steel it is most remarkable, as the addition or subtraction of iron filings, or the addition of the smallest iron filing, to an already large balanced mass of iron is at once rendered evident and measurable. Possessing such an invaluable instrument of research, I was desirous of investigating the molecular construction of iron and steel, but at once I met with a difficulty, viz., that magnetism itself completely changed the character of any piece of iron under investigation. Consequently, finding no help or explanation of the effects produced from any accepted theories of magnetism, I was forced to investigate, by means of the induction balance, the whole question of magnetism as existing in the interior of a magnet, and to determine the particular structure for each case, such as neutrality and polarity. In a recent paper to the Royal Society, upon the theory of magnetism,‡ I described the use of and demonstrations obtained by the induction balance. In this paper I propose to confine myself to demonstrations that can be repeated without it, and whose effects can be observed by the aid of ordinary magnetic direction needles. That magnetism is of a molecular nature has long been accepted, for it is evident that, no matter how much we divide a magnet, we still have its two poles in each separate portion; consequently, we can easily imagine this division carried so far that we should at last arrive at the molecule itself possessing its two distinctive poles; consequently, all theories of magnetism attempt some explanation of the cause of this molecular polarity, and the reason for apparent neutrality in a mass of iron. Coulomb and Poisson assume that each molecule has a sphere containing two distinct magnetic fluid, which in the state of neutrality are mixed together, but when polarized are separated from each other at opposite sides; and, in order to explain why these fluids are kept apart as in a permanent magnet, they had to assume, again, that each molecule contained a peculiar coercive force, whose functions were to prevent any change or mixing of these fluids when separated.

There is not one experimental evidence to prove the truth of this assumption, and, as regards coercive force, we have direct experimental proof opposing this view, as we know that molecular rigidity or hardness, as in tempered steel, and molecular freedom or softness, as in soft iron, fulfill all the conditions of this assumed coercive force.

Ampère's theory, based upon the analogy of electric currents, supposes elementary currents flowing around each molecule, and that in the neutral state these molecules are arranged haphazard in all directions, but that magnetization consists in arranging them symmetrically. The objections to Ampère's theory are numerous.

1. We have no knowledge or experimental proof of any elementary electric currents continually flowing without any expenditure of energy.

2. If we admit the assumption of electric currents around each molecule, the molecule itself would then be electro-magnetic, and the question still remains, What is polarity?

3. Have the supposed electric currents separated the two assumed magnetic fluids contained in the molecule, as in Poisson's theory; or are the electric currents themselves magnetic, independent of the iron molecule?

In order to produce the supposed heterogeneous arrangement of neutrality, Ampère's currents would have either to change their position upon the molecule, and have no fixed axis of rotation, or else the molecule, with its currents and polarities, would rotate, and thus be acting in accordance with the theory of De la Rive.

4. This theory does not explain why (as in the case of soft iron) polarity should disappear whenever the exciting cause is removed, as in the case of transient magnetization.

5. It would require a coercive force in iron to cause exactly one-half of the molecules to instantly reverse their direction, in order to pass from apparent external polarity to that of neutrality.

6. The influence of mechanical vibrations and stress upon iron in facilitating or discharging its magnetism, as proved by Matteucci, 1847, in addition to the discovery by Page, 1837, of a molecular movement taking place in iron during its magnetization, producing audible sounds, and the discovery by Dr. Joule, 1842, of the elongation of iron when magnetized, led De la Rive, in his remarkable "Treatise on Electricity," 1853, to give his theoretical views upon magnetism in the following remarkable words: "The whole of the magnetic molecular phenomena that we have been studying lead us to believe that the magnetization of a body is due to a particular arrangement of its molecules, originally endowed with magnetic virtue, but which in the natural state are so arranged that the magnetism of the body that they constitute is not apparent. Magnetism would, therefore, consist in disturbing this state of equilibrium, or in giving to the particles an arrangement that makes manifest the property with which they are endowed, and not in developing it in them. The coercitive force should be the resistance of the molecules to change their relative positions."

Wiedemann, in 1861, gives a theory in which he admits the fluids of Poisson or the elementary currents of Ampère as the cause of polarity of the molecule, but believes that the molecules are turned in a general direction in the case of polarity, and that in neutrality, like Ampère's, the magnet axes of the molecules are turned in all directions.

Maxwell, in his remarkable treatise on "Electricity and Magnetism," 1881, page 75, gives the following resume of Weber's theory: "Weber's theory differs from Poisson's in assuming that the molecules of the iron are always magnets, even before the

application of the magnetizing force, but that in ordinary iron the magnetic axes of the molecules are turned indifferently in every direction, so that the iron, as a whole, exhibits no magnetic properties." And, again, page 429, Maxwell says he agrees with Weber's views, and that neutrality, or unmagnetized iron, has the axes of its molecules placed indifferently in all directions, and that the act of magnetization consists in turning all the molecules, so that their axes are either rendered all parallel to one direction, or at least deflected in that direction. I have quoted these several theories which admit of the inherent polarity of the molecule, and in that respect they entirely agree with my own; but the induction balance at once shows that they are erroneous in the most important part, for my researches have proved that neutrality is perfectly symmetrical, that there is no case of neutrality where the axes of the molecules are turned indifferently in all directions, and that we cannot obtain perfect neutrality except when the molecules form a complete closed circuit of attraction. I believe that the true theory of magnetism should admit of complete demonstration, that it should present no anomalies, and that all the known effects should at once be explained by it. From numerous researches, I have gradually formed a theory of magnetism entirely based upon experimental results, and these have led me to the following conclusions:

1. That each molecule of a piece of iron, steel or other magnetic metal is a separate and independent magnet, having its two poles and distribution of magnetic polarity exactly the same as its total evident magnetism when noticed upon a steel bar-magnet.

2. That each molecule, or its polarity, can be rotated in either direction upon its axis by torsion, stress or by physical forces such as magnetism and electricity.

3. That the inherent polarity or magnetism of each molecule is a constant quantity, like gravity; that it can neither be augmented nor destroyed.

4. That when we have external neutrality, or no apparent magnetism, the molecules, or their polarities, arrange themselves so as to satisfy their mutual attraction by the shortest path, and thus form a complete closed circuit of attraction.

5. That when magnetism becomes evident, the molecules or their polarities have all rotated symmetrically in a given direction, producing a north pole if rotated in that direction as regards the piece of steel, or a south pole if rotated in the opposite direction. Also, that in evident magnetism we have still a symmetrical arrangement, but one whose circles of attraction are not completed except through an external armature joining both poles.

6. That we have permanent magnetism when the molecular rigidity, as in tempered steel, retains them in a given direction, and transient magnetism whenever the molecules rotate in comparative freedom, as in soft iron.

## EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCES.

In the above theory the coercive force of Poisson is replaced by molecular rigidity and freedom, and as the effects of mechanical vibrations, torsion and stress upon the apparent destruction and facilitation of magnetism is well known, I will, before demonstrating the more serious parts of the theory, cite a few experiments to prove that molecular rigidity fulfills all the requirements of an assumed coercive force. The influence of vibrations, torsion, or stress of any kind upon a magnetized steel or iron rod may be seen by striking with a wooden mallet rods of hard and soft steel, also hard and soft iron previously magnetized to a known degree. The tempered steel, owing to its molecular rigidity, will lose but 5 per cent.; the soft steel, 60; hard iron, 50, and soft Swedish iron, 99 per cent. of its magnetism, the amount of loss depending not so much upon whether the metal be steel or iron as upon its degree of hardness and softness; and as hard steel requires far more power to magnetize it to the same force as iron, it is impossible to imagine a steel so hard that its molecules could not rotate, and that, consequently, no magnetism could be manifested from a given inducing cause, while a perfectly soft iron would give the maximum effect, and instantly return to its previous state. From this we might in error suppose that soft Swedish iron could not retain its magnetism, and that its natural state would be zero, or neutrality. The apparent disappearance of magnetism, however, is here due to the extreme freedom of motion of its molecules, allowing them at once to follow the comparatively feeble directing force of the earth's magnetism. We can demonstrate this by feebly magnetizing a rod of soft iron held vertically, so that its north pole is at the lower portion. Upon removing the inducing magnet, or electro-magnetic coil, we find that the rod retains a powerful north polarity, but if magnetized in a contrary sense, then we have only traces of magnetism left upon the withdrawal of the inducing cause. To succeed in this experiment, as in all others where soft iron is mentioned, we should use the best Swedish charcoal iron, thoroughly annealed at high temperature. We find, again, that rods of steel or iron will lose far less magnetism when vibrated in the magnetic dip, or vertically, when their north poles are at the lowest extremity, than when horizontal, or still less than when their poles are contrary to those of the earth's field, and also that they will acquire their maximum magnetism from a given exciting cause when held vertically as described, and the molecules allowed greater freedom of motion to obey the directing influence of vibrations, torsion, stress or blow upon the iron. Any influence that would tend to give greater freedom of motion, such as heat or mechanical trepidations, gives a far higher magnetic force to the iron than could be obtained without these aids.

In order to render visible the effects of motion upon magnetism, we may take two glass tubes or ordinary vials of any length or diameter, say, 10 centimeters in length by two centimeters in diameter. If we now put iron filings in these tubes, leaving about one-third vacant, so as to allow complete freedom in the filings when shaken, we find that each tube, when magnetized, retains an equal amount of residual magnetism, and that this all disappears upon slightly shaking the tube. We are thus imitating the effects of vibration. But if in one of these tubes we pour melted rosin (in fact, any slightly viscous liquid, such as petroleum, suffices), we then render these filings more rigid, and then we can no longer produce by shaking the disappearance of its residual magnetism. In pouring in petroleum we have apparently been introducing a strong coercive force, but we know that it can only have the mechanical effect of rendering the iron filings less free to turn, and so comparatively rigid. If we desire to see the effect of torsion, we have only to shake the filings so that when the tube is held horizontally the vacant space is above, and rotate it slightly (but without shaking) about a horizontal axis. Its remaining magnetism instantly disappears—a similar effect to that in the rotating tube of iron filings. But if the iron is rendered more rigid by hammering, or steel rendered hard and rigid by tempering, torsions or vibrations have but little effect, as in the case of the filings rendered rigid as above mentioned. Thus we have no longer need of an assumed mysterious coercive force to account for the retention of magnetism; for once knowing the mechanical qualities of iron and steel, and their degree of molecular rigidity or hardness, we can at once predict their retentive magnetic powers.

ROTATION OF INHERENT POLARIZED MOLECULES.

Torsion, as we have seen, a powerful influence in aiding the molecules to overcome their inertia, and thus aid them to rotate in the direction of the inducing influence, and we may thus polarize strongly a flat soft-iron rod by simply bending or vibrating it when held vertically, and if we measure the magnetic force obtained, we shall notice that the force is strictly relative to the degree of softness of the iron. Thus, with hard steel we should obtain only traces of polarization, while with extremely pure soft Swedish iron we obtain the maximum of force. The bar of iron or steel, being held in the earth's magnetic field, of infinite size compared with the bar, and infinitely homogeneous, cannot deflect or weaken its surrounding field. Its lower portion being north, apparently strengthens it by its reaction, while its upper, south, apparently weakens the field; but, as Maxwell has shown, "the two poles of each molecule are equal and opposite; consequently, the sum of each molecule and the whole mass must be zero." We have a far greater induced polarity in iron or steel when the iron is in thin bars or small wires, and this we should expect, as the external molecules rotate directly under the influence of the earth's magnetism, while those forming the interior of the bar either rotate feebly, or, as in the case of very thick bars, actually act as an armature, preventing, by their influence, free rotation of the exterior molecules. Thus, as the sum of the two and equal polarities in a bar of iron is zero, it is evident that its polarity must be inherent. I have some remarkably pure soft Swedish iron wire, 1 mm. in diameter, and as its inherent polar force seemed great when held vertically in the earth's magnetic field, I measured in the induction balance this force compared with a similar column of the magnetic atmosphere which it displaced. The inherent polarity of this wire, simply rendered evident by the earth's magnetism, was 15,600 greater than the column it displaced. We cannot either by induction, conduction or concentration, produce a greater force in another body of similar displacement or size, otherwise we could easily create power from a feeble source. Thus the enormously greater magnetic power observed in iron than the same column of air which it displaces must be due to the inherent polarity of its molecules.

Among numerous bars of iron upon which I have experimented, one of ordinary hoop iron, 2 cm. wide, 40 cm. long and 1½ mm. thick, not softened, possesses sufficient molecular rigidity to be apparently uninfluenced by earth's magnetism. When this rod is rendered neutral, we have but feeble polarity—merely traces when it is held vertically under the earth's magnetic influence; but if we apply a few successive torsions or vibrations to it when thus held, we have at once several thousand times greater polarity than before. Now, if iron had the power of deflecting or concentrating the earth's magnetism upon itself, it should not require the mechanical aid to molecular rotation given to it by these torsions or vibrations. Thus we are forced to conclude at least the existence of the inherent polarity of the molecules; and, if we admit

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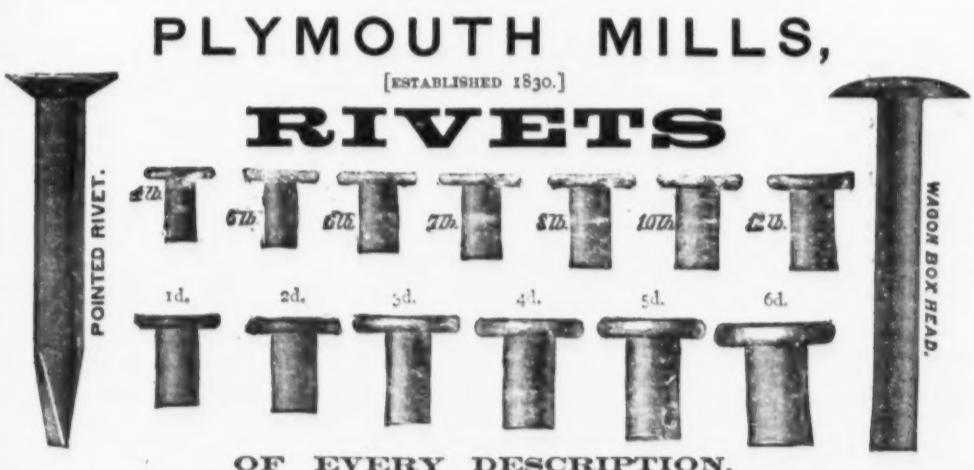
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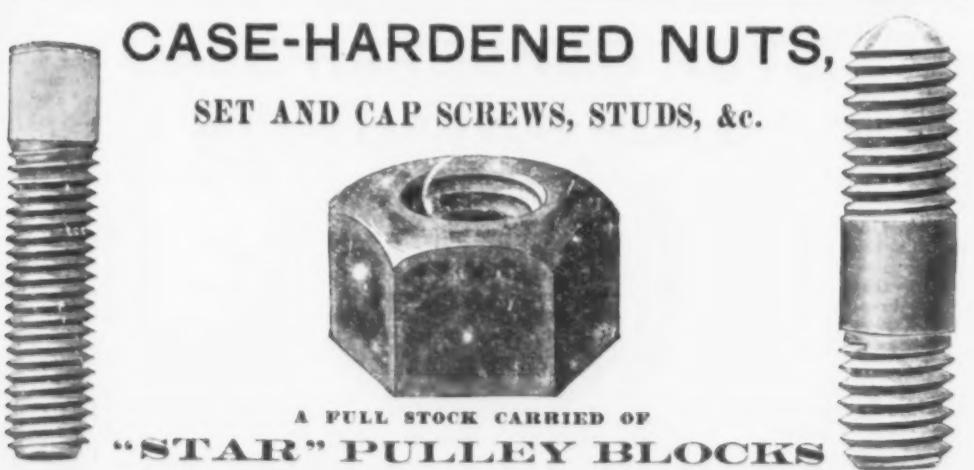
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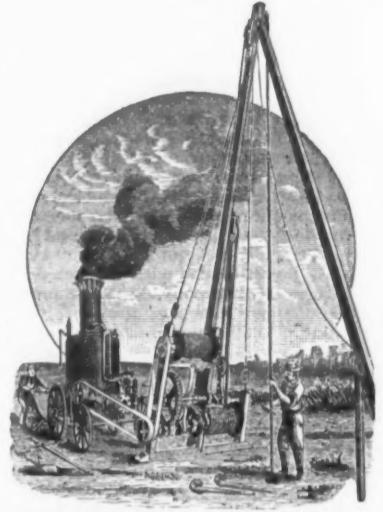
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tempered steel would require a far greater amount. Dr. Warren De la Rue, F.R.S., kindly aided me in this part of the research by passing a current from his well-known chloride-of-silver battery through iron and steel wires. A condenser of 42.8 microfarad capacity, charged by 3360 cells, was used. We passed this enormous electric charge longitudinally through the wires, and observations were made as to whether any change whatever was produced in their quality or inherent polarity, the result being that these wires gave exactly the same magnetic polarity from a given direction or inducing cause as before, being similar in nature and degree; consequently, this enormous electric force had not changed or destroyed the original inherent polarity. If the molecules possess inherent polarity and rotate upon their axes, similar to a series of compass needles having a slight degree of frictional rigidity, then, upon passing one pole of a magnet above them, they would turn symmetrically in one direction, and drawing the same pole of the magnet in the contrary direction would rotate them, and they would then remain symmetrically in the opposite direction.

A precisely similar effect takes place in a soft-iron rod placed east and west a few inches above a direction needle. Upon drawing the south pole of a powerful natural magnet at a few centimeters distance above the wire from east to west, the north polarities of the molecules successively turn in the direction of west, following the attraction of the south pole, as previously seen on the small compass needles. The rod is now magnetized with its north pole west, as indicated by the direction needle below any portion of this rod. Upon passing the same south pole of the natural magnet in contrary direction, the molecules all rotate, their north poles still turning successively to the south pole of the permanent magnet until its arrival at the end from which the first magnetization commenced. The rod has now entirely changed its polarity, and its north pole is east. This phenomenon is well known in the ordinary magnetization of rods, where care is taken to draw the magnet always in a similar direction, or the poles would be reversed at each to-and-fro drawing. To account for this on Coulomb-Poisson's theory, it would be requisite that, first, all the fluids be separated with their north fluids symmetrically in one direction, but on drawing back the magnet these fluids would have to mix together, the north fluid passing through its south fluid to be finally opposite to its previous position, its coercive force doing the double work of allowing both fluids to mix and pass through each other, and finally keeping them entirely apart. Ampère's theory would require that from a haphazard arrangement the molecules should become symmetrically arranged upon the first passage of the magnet, then upon its reversed direction one-half of the electric elementary currents should successively revolve in a contrary direction to arrive at neutrality before, finally, the other half followed the direction of the first half, and now all these currents would be revolving in the opposite direction to that upon the first magnetization. We thus see that both these theories, while resting altogether upon assumption, are extremely complicated and improbable. We might suppose, from the theory which I am advocating, that upon the rotation of the molecules there would be some disturbance or mechanical trepidation; and such is found to be the case, as first observed by Page, and afterward verified by Dr. Joule and De la Rive, in the molecular sounds produced in iron upon its magnetization. Reis's first telephone was founded upon these sounds, and Du Moncel has made numerous researches upon this subject. In the last of my experiments cited, the sounds are too feeble to be heard, but by the application of the microphone these trepidations at once become audible.

That molecules of iron and other metals rotate with time, whose period becomes shortened by mechanical vibrations, is well known in metallurgy, the ultimate result being generally the passage from a fibrous condition, as in iron wires, to a high degree of crystallization. For many years I employed a circular vibrating spring as the regulator of speed of my printing telegraph instrument, and although this spring was so regulated by means of a frictional break, or "Frein," as not to surpass its limits of elasticity, these springs were constantly breaking after a few days' use, and, as a matter of urgent necessity, I made special researches into the cause of this breaking after a few days' constant vibratory action. I found at the point of rupture a high state of crystallization. Fibrous iron would thus become thoroughly crystallized and break in one day, the number of vibrations for an instrument in constant use during 24 hours being 1,200,000. Thus we could roughly estimate the life of iron in the form of one of these springs at 1,000,000 vibrations. Copper crystallized in one hour, and all metals and alloys were inferior to steel except aluminum bronze. The latter springs would stand six weeks' constant use, or some 50,000,000 of vibrations. I finally resolved this problem by spreading the amount of vibrating work over a spiral spring containing 3 m. of steel rod wound into the same space as previously held by the straight rod of 30 cm. By this means the average life of these springs has become five years. Evidently the molecules of these fibrous springs must have rotated under the vibrations in order to produce crystals. The same phenomenon is observed in axles of carriages receiving constant trepidations, large crystals being always found at the point of fracture. Again, if we rapidly magnetize and demagnetize an iron rod, we have the production of evident heat, due to the constant motion of its molecules. Maxwell describes an experiment of Beets, in which an exceedingly small filament of iron was deposited by electrolyte, under the influence of a strong magnetic field, in order to arrive at the inherent polarity of comparatively few molecules, and, as its magnetic force was very great, he regards the experiment as conclusive. My own experiments show that we have far less external magnetic force from a solid bar than from a thin tube or flat bar of the same surface exposed to a limited exciting cause. We know that magnetism does not penetrate to a very great

depth, and we also know that, if to a thin steel permanent magnet we place another piece unmagnetized, or, better still, a rod of soft iron, its external polarity is greatly reduced; consequently, the external evidence of this polarity is not a direct measure of the degree of rotation, nor of the total inherent polarity of its mass. We may have great superficial external rotation superposed upon rotations of an opposite nature, as will be seen later, and thus the internal molecules of a magnet often act more or less as an external armature in closing its circle of attractions.

I have stated my belief that the molecule itself possesses its inherent polarity, which, like gravity, is an endowed quality for which we have no more reason to suspect the cause to be elementary electric currents than that elementary currents should be the cause of gravity, chemical affinity, or cohesion, and its polar power of crystallization, most of which are effected by an electric current. We have a certain analogy between electric currents and magnetism, but not so great as the analogy between the magnetic polarity of a molecule and its other endowed qualities. Magnetism, like chemical affinity, cohesion and crystallization, has its critical points. Faraday discovered that at red-yellow heat iron instantly lost its apparent polar magnetic power, to be as instantly restored at red heat, the critical point varying in iron, steel, &c., and being the lowest in nickel. This would be difficult to explain upon Ampère's theory, as we should have to admit the instant destruction or cessation of the elementary currents, to be again restored at a few degrees less temperature. It would be equally difficult to explain under my view, if it did not belong to a whole class of phenomena due to the possession by the molecules of various endowed qualities, of which chemistry and all our means of research can only teach us their critical points, without attempting to explain why, for instance, iron has a greater affinity for oxygen than gold. We know that is so; we know that the molecules of all matter are endowed with certain qualities having certain critical points, and I can see no reason for separating their magnetic inherent polarity from their numerous other qualities.

## NEUTRALITY.

The apparatus needed for researches upon evident external polarity requires no very great skill or thought, but simply an apparatus to measure correctly the force of the evident repulsion or attraction. In the case of neutrality, however, the external polarity disappears, and we consequently require special apparatus, together with the utmost care and reflection in its use. From numerous researches previously made by means of the induction balance, the results of which I have already published, I felt convinced that in investigating the cause of magnetism and neutrality I should have in it the aid of the most powerful instrument of research ever brought to bear upon the molecular construction of iron, as, indeed, of all metals. It neglects all forces which do not produce a change in the molecular structure, and enables us to penetrate at once to the interior of a magnet or piece of iron, observing only its peculiar structure and the change which takes place during magnetization or apparent neutrality. The induction balance is effected by three distinct arrangements of molecular structure in iron and steel, by means of which we have apparent external neutrality.

If we now magnetize this rod to produce a strong south pole at its lower portion, we can gradually reverse this polarity by the influence of earth's magnetism, by slightly tapping the upper extremity with a small wooden mallet. If we observe this rod by means of a direction needle at all parts, and successively during its gradual passage from one polarity to the other, there will be no sudden break into a haphazard arrangement, but a gradual and perfectly symmetrical rotation from one direction to that of the opposite polarity. If this rod is placed east and west, having, first, say, a north polarity to the right, we can gradually discharge or rotate the molecules to zero, and as gradually reverse the polarity by simply inclining the rod so as to be slightly influenced by earth's magnetism, and at no portion of this passage from one polarity to neutrality, and to that of the opposite name, will there be found a break of continuity of rotation or haphazard arrangement. If we rotate this rod slowly, horizontally or vertically, taking observations at each few degrees of rotation of an entire revolution, we find still the same gradual symmetrical change of polarity, and that its symmetry is as complete at neutrality as in evident polarity.

In all these cases there is no complete neutrality, the longitudinal polarity simply becoming transversal when the rod is east and west. If, in place of the rod, we take a small square soft-iron plate and allow its molecules freedom under the sole influence of the earth's magnetism, then we invariably find the polarity in the direction of the magnetic dip, no matter in what position it be held, and a sphere of soft iron could only be polarized in a similar direction. Thus we can never obtain complete external neutrality while the molecules have freedom and do not form an internal closed circle of mutual attractions, and, whatever theory we may adopt as to the cause of polarity in the molecule, such as Coulomb's, Poisson's, Ampère's, there can exist no haphazard arrangement in perfectly soft iron as long as it is free from all external causes except the influence of the earth; consequently, these theories are wrong in one of their most essential parts. We can, however, produce a closed circle of mutual attractions in iron and steel, producing complete neutrality as long as the structure is not destroyed by some stronger external directing influence. Oersted discovered that an external magnetic needle places itself perpendicular to an electric current; and we should expect that, if the molecules of an iron wire possessed

inherent polarity and could rotate, a similar effect would take place in the interior of the wire to that observed by Oersted. Wiedemann first remarked this effect, and it has been known as circular magnetism. This circle, however, consists really in each molecule having placed itself perpendicular to the current, simply obeying Oersted's law, and thus forming a complete circle in which the mutual attractions of the molecules forming that circle are satisfied. This wire becomes completely neutral, any previous symmetrical arrangement of polarity rotating to form its complete circle of attractions; and we can thus form in hard iron and steel a neutrality extremely difficult to break up or destroy. We have evident proof that this neutrality consists of a closed chain or circle, as by torsion we can partially deflect them on either side; thus from a perfect externally neutral wire, producing either polarity, by simple mechanical angular displacement of the molecules as by right or left handed torsion. If we magnetize a wire placed east and west, it will retain this polarity until freed by vibrations, as already remarked. If we pass an electric current through this magnetized wire, we can notice the gradual rotation of the molecules, and the formation of the circular neutrality. If we commence with a weak current, gradually increasing its strength, we can rotate them as slowly as may be desired. There is no sudden break or haphazard moment of neutrality; the movements to perfect zero are accomplished with perfect symmetry throughout.

We can produce a more perfect and shorter circle of attractions by the superposition of magnetism. If we magnetize a piece of steel or iron in a given direction with a strong magnetic directing power, the magnetism penetrates to a certain depth. If we slightly diminish the magnetizing power, and magnetize the rod in a contrary direction, we may reduce it to zero, by the superposition of an exterior magnetism upon one of a contrary name existing at a greater depth, and if we continue this operation, gradually diminishing the force at each reversal, we can easily superpose 10 or more distinct symmetrical arrangements, and, as their mutual attractions are satisfied in a shorter circle than in that produced by electricity, it is extremely difficult to destroy this formation when once produced. The induction balance affords also some reasons for believing that the molecules not only form a closed circle of attractions, but that they can mutually react upon each other, so as to close a circle of attractions as a double molecule. The experimental evidence, however, is not sufficient to dwell on this point, as the neutrality obtained by superposition is somewhat similar to its external effects. We can produce a perfectly symmetrical closed circle of attractions, by forming a steel wire into a closed circle 10 cm. in diameter, where this wire is well joined at its extremities by twisting and soldering. We can then magnetize this ring by slowly revolving it at the extremity of one pole of a strong permanent magnet, and, to avoid consequent poles at the part last touching the magnet, we should have a graduating wedge of wood, so that while revolving it may be gradually removed to greater distance. This wire will then contain no consequent points of external magnetism; it will be found perfectly neutral in all parts of its closed circle.

I have already shown that soft iron, when its molecules are allowed perfect freedom by vibration, invariably takes the polarity of the external directing influence, such as that of the earth, and it does so even with greater freedom under the influence of heat. Manufacturers of electro-magnets for telegraphic instruments are very careful to choose the softest iron and thoroughly anneal it, but very few recognize the importance as regards the position of the iron while annealing it under the earth's directing influence. The fact, however, has long since been observed. Doctor Hooker, 1884, remarked that steel or iron was magnetized when heated to redness and placed in the magnetic meridian. I have slightly varied this experiment by heating to redness three similar steel bars, two of which had been previously magnetized to saturation, and placed separately with contrary polarity as regards each other, the third being neutral. Upon cooling, these three bars were found to have identical and similar polarity. Thus the molecules of this most rigid material, cast steel, had become free at red heat, and rotated under the earth's magnetic influence, giving exactly the same force on each; consequently, the previous magnetization of two of these bars had neither augmented nor weakened the inherent polarity of their molecules. Soft iron gave under these conditions by far the greatest force, its inherent polarity being greater than that of steel. I have made numerous other experiments bearing upon the question of neutrality, but they all confirm those I have cited, which I consider afford ample evidence of the symmetrical arrangement of neutrality.

## SUPERPOSED MAGNETISM.

Knowing that by torsion we can rotate or diminish magnetism, I was anxious to obtain by its means a complete rotation from north polarity to neutrality, and from neutrality to south polarity, or to completely reverse magnetic polarity by a slight right or left torsion. I have succeeded in doing this, and in obtaining strong reversal of polarities, by superposing one polarity given while the rod is under a right elastic torsion with another of the opposite polarity given under a left elastic torsion, the neutral point then being reached when the rod is free from torsion. The rod should be very strongly magnetized under its first or right-hand torsion, so that its interior molecules are rotated, or, in other words, magnetized to saturation; the second magnetization in the contrary sense and torsion should be feeble, so as only to magnetize the surface, or not more than one-half its depth; these can be easily adjusted to each other so as to form a complete polar balance of force. The apparatus needed is simply a good compound horse-shoe permanent magnet, 15 cm. long, having six or more plates, giving it a total thickness of at least 3 cm. We need a sufficiently powerful magnet, as I find that I obtain a more equal distribution of magnetism upon a rod or strip of iron by drawing it lengthwise over a single pole in a direction from that pole; we can then obtain saturation by repeated drawings, keeping

the same molecular symmetry in each extremity. In order to supply a slight elastic torsion when magnetizing rods or wires, I have found it convenient to attach two brass clamp keys to the extremities of the rods, or simply turn the ends at right angles, as shown in the following diagram, by which means we can apply an elastic twist or torsion while drawing the rod over the pole of the permanent magnet. We can thus superpose several and opposite symmetrical structures, producing a polar north and south as desired, greatly in excess of that possible under a single or even double magnetization, and by carefully adjusting the proportion of opposing magnetisms, so that both polarities have the same external force, the rod will be at perfect external neutrality when free from torsion.

If we now hold one end of this rod at a few centimeters distance from a magnetic directive needle, we find it perfectly neutral when free of torsion, but the slightest torsion right or left at once produces violent repulsion or attraction, according to the direction of the torsion given to the rod, the iron rod or strips of hoop iron which I use for this experiment being able, when at the distance of 5 cm. from the needle, to turn it instantly 90° on either side of its zero. The external neutrality that we can now produce at will is absolute, as it crosses the line of two contrary polarities, being similar to the zero of my electric sonometer, whose zero is obtained by the crossing of two opposing electric forces. This rod of iron retains its peculiar powers of reversal in a remarkable degree, a condition quite different to that of ordinary magnetization, for the same rod, when magnetized to saturation under a single ordinary magnetism, loses its evident magnetism by a few elastic torsions, as I have already shown; but when it is magnetized under the double torsion with its superposed magnetism, it is but slightly reduced by variations or numerous torsions, and I have found it impossible to render this rod again free from its double polar effects, except by strongly remagnetizing it to saturation with a single polarity. The superposed magnetism then becomes a single directive force, and we can then, by a few vibrations or torsions, reduce the rod to its ordinary condition. The effects of superposed magnetism and its double polarity I have produced in a variety of ways, such as by the electro-magnetic influence of coils, or in very soft iron simply by the directive influence of the earth's magnetism, reversing the rod and torsions when held in the magnetic meridian, these rods, when placed magnetic west, showing distinctly the double polar effects. It is remarkable, also, that we are enabled to superpose and obtain the maximum effects on thin strips of iron from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  mm. in thickness, while in thicker rods we have far less effect, being masked by the comparatively neutral state of the interior, the exterior molecules then reacting upon those of the interior, allowing them to complete in the interior their circle of attractions.

I was anxious to obtain wires which would preserve this structure against the destructive influence of torsion and vibrations, so that I could constantly employ the same wires without the comparatively long and tedious process of preparation. Soft iron soon loses the structure, or becomes enfeebled, under the constant to and fro torsions requisite where we desire a constant change of polarity, as described later in the magnetic bells. Hard steel preserves its structure, but its molecular rigidity is so great that we obtain but mere traces of any change of polarity by torsion. I have found, however, that fine cast steel, untempered, of the kind employed by watch makers, is most suitable; these are generally sold in straight lengths of 30 cm. Wires 1 mm. in diameter should be used, and when it is desired to increase the force, several of these wires—say, nine or ten—should be formed into a single rod or bunch. The wire as sold is too rigid to give its maximum of molecular rotation effect. We must, therefore, give it two entire turns or twists to the right, and strongly magnetize it on the north pole of the magnet while under torsion. We must again repeat this operation in the contrary direction, after restoring the wire to its previous position, giving now two entire turns to the left, and magnetizing it on the south pole. On restoring the wire to its original place, it will be extremely flexible, and we may now suppose several polarities under contrary torsions, as already described.

The discovery of this comparatively free rotation of molecules, by means of which, as I have shown, we can (without in any degree disturbing the external mechanical elasticity of the mass) change the axes of their free motion in any direction desired, has led me into a series of researches which have only indirectly any relation with the theory of magnetism. I was extremely desirous, however, of finding an experimental evidence which in itself should demonstrate all portions of the theory, and the following experiment, I believe, answers this purpose: Let us take a square soft-iron rod, 5 mm. in diameter by 30 or more centimeters in length, and force the molecules, by aid of blows from a wooden mallet, as previously described, to have their centers of free motion in one direction; the rod will (as already shown) have polarity at both ends when held vertically, but if reversed both ends become completely neutral. If now we turn the rod to its first position, in which it shows strong polarity, and magnetize it while held vertically, by drawing the north pole of a sufficiently powerful permanent magnet from its upper to its lower extremity, we find that this rod, instead of having south polarity at its lower portion, as we should expect from the direction of the magnetization, is completely neutral at both extremities; but if we reverse the rod, its fullest free powers of magnetization now appear in the position where it was previously neutral. Thus, by magnetization, we have completely rotated its free path of action, and find that we can rotate this path as desired in any direction by the application of a sufficient directing power. If we take a rod as described, with its polarities evident when held vertically, and its neutrality also evident when its ends are reversed in the same magnetic field, we find that its polarity is equal at both ends, and that it is every way symmetrical with a perfect magnet.

It would be extremely difficult to explain the action of the rotative effects obtained in these wires under any other theory than that which I have advanced, and the absolute external neutrality that we obtain in them when the polarities are changing we know, from their structure, to be perfectly symmetrical. I was anxious to show, upon the reading of this paper, some mechanical movement produced by molecular rotation; consequently, I have arranged two bells that are struck alternately by a polarized armature put in motion by the double polarized rod I have already described, but whose position at 3 cm. distant from the axes of the armature remains invariably the same. The magnetic armature consists of a horizontal light steel bar suspended by its central axis; the bells are thin wine glasses, giving a clear musical tone, loud enough, by the force with which they are struck, to be clearly heard at some distance. The armature does not strike these alternately by a pendulous movement, as we may easily strike only one continuously, the friction and inertia of the armature causing its movements to be perfectly dead-beat when not driven by some external force, and it is kept in its zero position by a strong directive magnet placed beneath its axis. The mechanical power obtained is extremely evident, and is sufficient to put the sluggish armature in rapid motion, striking the bells six times per second, and with a power sufficient to produce tones loud enough to be clearly heard in all parts of the hall of the society. As this is the first direct transformation of molecular motion into mechanical movement, I am happy to show it on this occasion. There

is nothing remarkable in the bells themselves, as they evidently could be rung if the armature was surrounded by a coil and worked by an electric current from a few cells. The marvel, however, is in the small steel superposed magnetic wire producing by slight elastic torsions from a single wire, 1 mm. in diameter, sufficient force from mere molecular rotation to entirely replace the coil and electric current.

## ELASTIC NATURE OF THE ETHER SURROUNDING THE MAGNETIC MOLECULES.

During these researches I have remarked a peculiar property of magnetism, viz., that not only can the molecules be rotated through any degree of arc to its maximum or saturation, but that, while it requires a comparatively strong force to overcome its rigidity or resistance to rotation, it has a small field of its own through which it can move with excessive freedom, trembling, vibrating or rotating through a small degree with infinitely less force than would be required to rotate it permanently on either side. This property is so marked and general that we can observe it without any special iron or apparatus. Let us take a flat rod of ordinary hoop iron, 30 or more centimeters in length. If, while holding this vertically, we give freedom to its molecules by torsions, vibrations—or, better still, by a few blows with a wooden mallet upon its upper extremity—we find, as is well known, that its lower portion is strongly north and its upper south. If we reverse the rod, we now find it neutral at both extremities. We might here suppose that the earth's directing force had rotated the molecules to zero or transversely, which in reality it has done, but only to the limit of their comparatively free motion; for if we reverse the rod to its original position, its previous strong polarity reappears at both extremities; thus the central point of its free motion is inclined to the rod, giving by its free motion great symmetrical inclination and polarity in one direction, but when reversed the inclination is reduced to zero.

This property of comparative freedom, and the rotation of its center of action, can be demonstrated in a variety of ways. One remarkable example of it consists in the telephone. All those who are thoroughly acquainted with electro-magnetism, and know that it requires measurable time to charge an electro-magnet to saturation (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a second for those employed in telegraphy), were surprised that the telephone could follow the slightest change of timbre, requiring almost innumerable changes of force per second. I believe the free rotation I have spoken of through a limited range explains its remarkable sensitiveness and rapidity of action, and, according to this view, it would also explain why loud-sounding telephones can never repeat all delicacy of timbre that is easily done with those only requiring a force comprised in the critical limits of its free rotation. This property, I have found, has a distinct critical value for each class of iron, and I propose soon to publish researches upon the molecular construction of steel and iron, in which I have made use of this very property as a guide to the quality of the iron itself. The elastic rotation (in a limited space) of a molecule differs entirely from that known as mechanical elasticity. In perfectly soft iron we have feeble mechanical elasticity, while in tempered steel we have that elasticity at its maximum. The contrary takes place as regards molecular elasticity. In tempered steel the molecules are extremely rigid, and in soft iron its molecular elasticity is at its maximum. Its free motion differs entirely from that given it by torsion or stress. We may assume that a molecule is surrounded by continuous ether, more of the nature of a jelly than of that of a gas; in such a medium a molecule might freely vibrate through small arcs, but a rotation extending beyond its critical limit would involve a much greater expenditure of force.

The discovery of this comparatively free rotation of molecules, by means of which, as I have shown, we can (without in any degree disturbing the external mechanical elasticity of the mass) change the axes of their free motion in any direction desired, has led me into a series of researches which have only indirectly any relation with the theory of magnetism. I was extremely desirous, however, of finding an experimental evidence which in in itself should demonstrate all portions of the theory, and the following experiment, I believe, answers this purpose: Let us take a square soft-iron rod, 5 mm. in diameter by 30 or more centimeters in length, and force the molecules, by aid of blows from a wooden mallet, as previously described, to have their centers of free motion in one direction; the rod will (as already shown) have polarity at both ends when held vertically, but if reversed both ends become completely neutral. If now we turn the rod to its first position, in which it shows strong polarity, and magnetize it while held vertically, by drawing the north pole of a sufficiently powerful permanent magnet from its upper to its lower extremity, we find that this rod, instead of having south polarity at its lower portion, as we should expect from the direction of the magnetization, is completely neutral at both extremities; but if we reverse the rod, its fullest free powers of magnetization now appear in the position where it was previously neutral. Thus, by magnetization, we have completely rotated its free path of action, and find that we can rotate this path as desired in any direction by the application of a sufficient directing power. If we take a rod as described, with its polarities evident when held vertically, and its neutrality also evident when its ends are reversed in the same magnetic field, we find that its polarity is equal at both ends, and that it is every way symmetrical with a perfect magnet.

If we gradually reverse the ends and take observations of its condition through each degree of arc passed over, we find an equal symmetrical diminution of evident external polarity until we arrive at neutrality, when it has no external trace of inherent polarity, but its inherent polarity at once becomes evident by a simple return to its former position. Thus the rod has passed through all the changes from polarity to neutrality, and from neutrality to polarity, and these changes have taken place with complete symmetry.

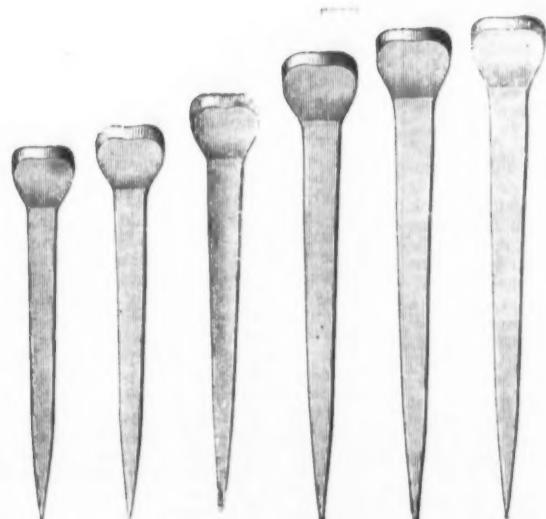
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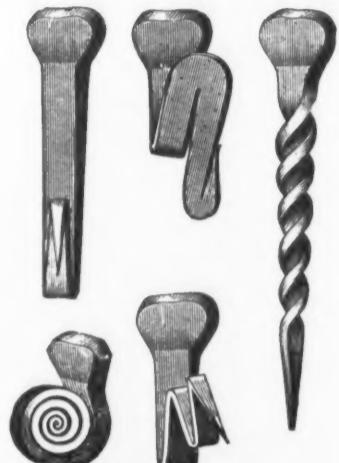


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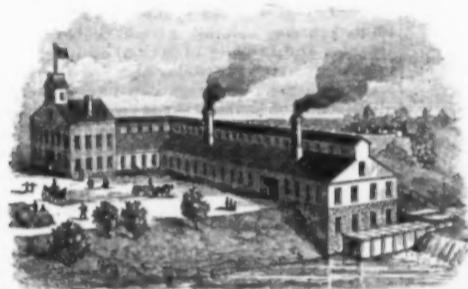


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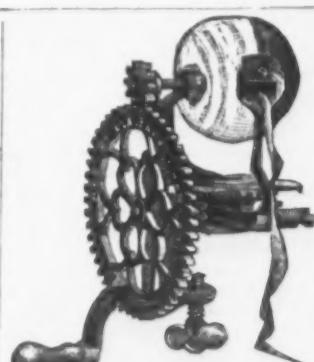
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dences as shown by the use of my induction balance. I believe, however, that I have cited already experimental evidences to show that what has been attributed to coercive force is really due to molecular freedom or rigidity; that in inherent molecular polarity we have a fact admitted by Coulomb, Poisson, Ampère, De la Rive, Weber, Du Moncel, Weidemann and Maxwell, and that we have also experimental evidence of molecular rotation and of the symmetrical character of polarity and neutrality. The experiments which I have brought forward in this paper, in addition to those mentioned in my paper read before the Royal Society, will, I hope, justify me in having advanced a theory of magnetism which I believe in every portion allows at least experimental evidences of its probable truth.

#### The Metal Exchange.

At a meeting of the Exchange, on the 29th inst., the following amendments were made to the by-laws:

*Add to Art. IV a new Sec. 7.* "No salaries or compensation of any kind shall be paid to any officer, manager, employee or committee-man, except such as are provided in the by-laws or trade rules, or as may be fixed by a vote of the Board of Managers."

*Add to Art. V, Sec. 1.* "Any vacancy in the Arbitration Committee may be filled by the Board of Managers, voting by ballot, until the next annual election."

*Add to Art. VI a new Sec. 13.* "Should special exigencies require, the president shall have the right to appoint committees and fill vacancies on committees *ad interim*, to act until the regular appointments are made."

Change numbers of Articles VII, VIII and IX to VIII, IX and X, respectively, and insert the following as new Article VII:

*Sec. 1.* It shall be the duty of any member failing to meet his contracts made under the rules of the Exchange with or to any other member of this Exchange, to immediately notify the president in writing of such failure (unless otherwise agreed upon by the contracting parties), and the president shall thereupon cause the following notice to be posted on the official bulletin:

#### NOTICE.

Members of this Exchange are hereby notified of the failure of ..... to meet contracts on this Exchange. All contracts with him (or them) must therefore be closed, as provided in Article VII, Section 3, of the by-laws.

*Sec. 2.* In case any member so failing shall not notify the president, as thus provided, it shall be the duty of the Complaint Committee, upon satisfactory proof to them of such failure being made, to notify the president in writing, and the president shall thereupon immediately call a meeting of the Board of Managers, who shall proceed to investigate the case in the same manner as provided in cases of complaints, in Article VI, Section 8, of these by-laws. In case of satisfactory proof of failure, the president shall be instructed by the Board of Managers to post the same notice as provided in Section 1, and such member may be suspended or expelled at the same or any subsequent meeting of the Board of Managers, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

*Sec. 3.* All outstanding contracts between members so failing and other members of the Exchange, in cases where official notice of failure has been given, must be closed by settlement at the average market price of the day of such official notice of failure. Disputes as to such market price shall be finally determined by the Committee on Trade.

Substitute for Article IX the following:

#### ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

These by-laws shall not be altered or amended unless the proposed alteration or amendment has been presented to the Board of Managers at a regular meeting, and approved by a two-thirds vote at a subsequent meeting, and ratified by a majority vote of members voting at a ballot taken for the purpose, of which ten days' notice shall have been given, stating specifically the alteration or amendment proposed.

The secretary has issued the following notice, under date of September 1: "The Metal Exchange will begin to-day to receive from the Maritime Association reports of arrivals of vessels and copies of manifests. Seventeen applications for membership at \$500 have been received, leaving 32 vacancies, which must be applied for by 3 o'clock to-day, after which the initiation fee will be \$1000."

#### INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

##### MAINE.

The Bath foundry is crowded with work. It has four or five tons of work to do for the Goss Marine Iron Works, including anvil plates weighing 1600 pounds each, that are about done, and four large "bearing boxes" for the big engine. They have also 10 large Adir ship's pumps to make immediately.

##### MASSACHUSETTS.

The new gun factory of the Davenport Arms Company, East Douglas, will, at the outset, be a building 30 x 100 feet, two stories high, and will employ 25 or 30 hands. The gun is the invention of Mr. Wm. H. Davenport, of Providence, a man of 30 years' experience in the business, who has a patent on breech-loading shot guns, acknowledged by competent judges to be a great improvement over any other gun made. The business will include the manufacture of Davenport's gun barrels and his patent breech-loading shot guns, which patent also applies to his two hammerless guns, all of which will be exclusively made at this factory.

The management of the Taunton Iron Works has been given to Mr. W. H. Swanton, who for six years has been the Boston agent of this company, and in his new capacity will give his personal attention to its affairs.

Matters in the Taunton Copper Manufacturing Company are progressing finely under the new dispensation.

The new tack factory of Ripley & Bartlett, Plymouth, is nearly ready for business. The main room for the machines is nearly 85 feet

in length on the northerly front, with a varying width of about 35 feet. In the rear of the principal apartment is the engine-room, under the same roof, but guarded from fire by a thickness of five courses of brick from the exterior woodwork. Here is to be an engine of 25 horse-power. The horizontal tubular boiler, 17 feet long, is now being set, and a chimney stack 50 feet high is well under way. Back of the engine-room is the scaling-room, with two ventilators to carry off the carbonic-acid fumes. Near this there are rooms for storage and general purposes. The front face of the building is of two stories, the second being in one hall about 30 x 32 feet for a packing-room.

Webster & Crosby, of Worcester, dealers in scrap iron and old metal, also manufacturers of Babbitt metal, are steadily increasing their trade. A specialty with them is the manufacture of soft-metal hammers for machinists' use, in six sizes, with iron handles and molds.

The Morgan Car Spring Company, Worcester, have ordered a 50-horse-power Armstrong & Sims Co. engine.

##### CONNECTICUT.

The rapid increase in the business of the Charles Parker Company, of Meriden, has necessitated the erection of several additions to their factories. Permits have been granted for a brick addition, three stories high, 58 x 83 feet, to the main building. To the plating and buffing department a wooden addition, 60 x 21 feet, will be made, and to the coffee-mill department an addition of 57 x 30 feet will be built. Brick additions will also be made to the boiler-room, and several other improvements are contemplated.

At New Haven, on the 2d inst., a disastrous fire occurred in a large brick building running from No. 22 to No. 30 Artisan street. The fire, which commenced in a lumber yard in the rear of the building, was caused, it is believed, by a spark from a passing locomotive. The building was of brick, four stories high, and was occupied by the New Haven Staple Mfg. Company, the New Haven Mfg. Company, the Strong Cartridge Company, John Adt, machinists' tools and manufacturers' supplies, and Charles Brown, scroll sawing, wood turning, &c. The loss is estimated at \$100,000; insurance about \$65,000.

##### NEW YORK.

The New York, West Shore and Buffalo Railroad are driving the machinery in their new shops in a novel and effective manner. Instead of belting from the engine to the line shaft in the usual manner, each shaft is driven by an independent engine coupled directly to it. To effect this the arched doorway in the central brick partition is strengthened by piers, and a second arched opening left over the old transmission. The floor of this opening forms the foundation for a Westinghouse engine, which is set with its centers exactly in line with the shafting, to which it is coupled on each side. No regular engineer is employed, but the engine is considered a part of the shafting and is in charge of the wiper. The Westinghouse Machine Company have so far fitted up their shops at New Durham, N. J., with a 12 x 12; at Kingston and Syracuse, N. Y., each with a 9 x 9, and at Schenectady with a 7 x 7.

##### PENNSYLVANIA.

The past month workmen have been engaged in removing the old boilers of No. 4 Furnace of the Crane Iron Works, Catasauqua, which have been superseded by the new boilers located on the ground near the engine-house. These elevated boilers have been in use since 1849, and when recently in use were insured by the Boiler Insurance Company for the full pressure required, the inspector of which company pronounced them as being made of most excellent iron and capable of carrying the full requirement of steam.

Fifteen additional benches will be erected in the foundry of the Penn Hardware Works, Reading, for the employment of that number of new molders.

It is reported that the Vanderbilt people have purchased the Wister Furnace Company at Harrisburg, for the car shops of the new line, for \$60,000.

On Friday of last week the Phoenix Iron Company made the first experiment in rolling steel, and it was entirely successful. An angle bar 3 x 4 was turned out. The company intend making a business of this, and will go into it for the purpose of supplying steel for shipbuilding. It is contemplated in the near future to erect steel converting works. This will give work to a large number of men. The change in the business necessitates this move, as steel is fast superseding iron in the manufacture, and it does not pay to buy steel ingots for rolling when it is possible to manufacture them.

Repairs have been commenced at the Port Clinton Rolling Mill, which has been idle over a year.

The McCormick Harvesting-Machine Company, of Chicago, are taking their annual inventory, and are cleaning up the machinery in their works preparatory to starting on their next year's business.

Mr. E. T. Hutchinson, late of the Chicago Tack Company, at Grand Crossing, is erecting a large and substantial building, to be used as a tack factory, on South Chicago Avenue, near the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad tracks.

The Union Foundry and Pullman Car-Wheel Works, of Chicago, have a contract to furnish the structural iron for the new Pullman office building in that city. These works are melting about 100 tons of pig iron a day, and will at once take up the manufacture of the Shaw locomotive for standard and narrow-gauge roads.

Parties have been at Grand Crossing lately with a view of starting up a new sewing-machine factory in the old Wilson factory. They expect to be running by November.

The Lancaster Watch Company, which suspended operations several weeks ago, owing to financial embarrassment, has resumed, sufficient additional capital having been pledged to insure the successful operation of the works in future.

The additional blocks which the Gautier steel department of the Cambria Iron Company have recently put in are operated by a 100-horse-power Westinghouse engine.

##### PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The Linden Steel Company, Limited, have just completed their 20-inch plate and sheet mill. This, with their 18-inch plate and sheet mill, 18-inch bar mill, 10-inch merchant mill and their large blooming mill, gives them admirable facilities for filling all orders in their line promptly. The company certainly deserve congratulation for the progress they have made since their organization.

The work of rebuilding the burned portion at the works of Everson, Macrum & Co. is progressing, and will be finished in a few weeks. The bar and guide rolls are in this portion. The first repairs after the fire were made to the engine and boilers, and the sheet rolls have been set in motion on triple men.

—Chicago Industrial World.

##### MISSOURI.

The Brownell & Wight Car Company, of St. Louis, have added a new steam hammer to their machine-shop plant. They are very busy on street cars.

F. Niedringhaus & Co. are very busy at their Granite Iron Rolling Mills.

The Whitman Agricultural Company, of St. Louis, are very busy on hay presses and other agricultural machinery, and are very much behind on their orders.

The Brown & Adams Manufacturing Company, of St. Louis, contemplate an increase on their capital stock, and will probably make extensive additions and improvements to their works.

##### MICHIGAN.

It is announced by the Fond du Lac papers that the blast-furnace there, built by C. J. L. Meyer some 12 years ago, and idle ever since, will go into blast on October 1 next. This furnace is one of the finest in the country, though we cannot help regarding its location as a mistake, as both ore and fuel will have to be brought to it, and from something of a distance, while, there being no home consumption for the metal produced, that will also have to stand its share of freight charges before reaching the consumer. Labor may be cheaper there than at most furnace locations, it is true, but with modern blast-furnaces that item in the cost of producing pig is by no means the most formidable; and the Fond du Lac furnace is, we take it, a very "modern" concern, having been built by a lumberman and manufacturer who—albeit a shrewd business man and br. mful of enterprise—had no previous practical familiarity with the iron business. —*Marquette Mining Journal*.

The Martel Furnace, at St. Ignace, has been doing excellent work since going into blast on August 1.

##### COLORADO.

The Bessemer Rail Mill, at Pueblo, have taken a contract for steel rails for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, which will keep them busy for three months. The company have just finished a supply of rails for the Denver and Rio Grande extension.

##### Smoke Abatement in Cincinnati.

Mr. Clement Ohlauer, who some time since resigned the difficult and thankless office of Smoke Inspector of Cincinnati, has been instrumental in securing a better wording of the law for the suppression of the smoke nuisance, and the amendment is now under consideration in the City Councils. The following is the text of the proposed new law:

*An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Abate the Smoke Nuisance and to Provide for an Inspector," passed November 2, A. D., 1881.*

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the city of Cincinnati, that the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Abate the Smoke Nuisance and to Provide for an Inspector," passed November 2, A. D., 1881, be, and the same is, hereby amended as follows:

*SECTION 1.* That every furnace employed or to be employed in the city of Cincinnati, and every furnace upon railroad engines used for switching or yard purposes within the city limits, shall be so constructed, or, if already constructed, shall be so altered, and shall have attached thereto efficient smoke preventives, as to produce the most perfect combustion of fuel or material from which smoke results, and so as to prevent the production and emission of all smoke therefrom, so far as the same is possible; and if any person or persons, association or corporation being the owner, lessee, or having the control of such furnace, shall hereafter within the city limits use or allow any such furnace to be used which shall not be so constructed, or, if already constructed, shall not be so altered, or shall fail to have attached thereto efficient smoke preventives, so as to produce the most perfect combustion of the fuel or material from which smoke results, and so as to prevent the production and emission of all smoke therefrom, so far as the same is possible, every such person or persons, association or corporation shall be deemed guilty of an offense under this ordinance, and upon conviction of such offense before the Police Court of this city, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$20 nor more than \$50, and for each repetition of such offense shall be fined not less than \$50, nor more than \$100, the fine thus collected to be paid into the City Treasury to and for the Street Repairing Fund. Provided, however, that no conviction shall be had under this section for failure to alter any furnace already constructed or to have attached thereto efficient smoke preventives, so as to produce the most perfect combustion of the fuel or material from which smoke results, and so as to prevent the production and emission of all smoke therefrom, so far as the same is possible, every such person or persons, association or corporation shall be deemed guilty of an offense under this ordinance, and upon conviction of such offense before the Police Court of this city, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$20 nor more than \$50, and for each repetition of such offense shall be fined not less than \$50, nor more than \$100, the fine thus collected to be paid into the City Treasury to and for the Street Repairing Fund.

According to a correspondent of the London *Times*, there are now altogether six lighthouses and one light vessel in the Red Sea; four of these are in the Gulf of Suez, and of the remaining three, one—that upon the Brother Islands—is not yet lighted. Between the Dardanus Shoal and Perim Island, a distance of more than 800 miles, there is no light at all; and though for 600 miles, after leaving the Dardanus, there are no dangers in the track of steamships, after that the sea is studded with islands and rocks which render the navigation difficult and dangerous, especially on dark and hazy nights. The places which are more especially dangerous are Jibbel Zukur Island and the Mokha Shoals. On Jibbel Zukur Island there are now the remains of three or four large steamers which have been wrecked there during the last year or two. By placing a lighthouse on Abu Ait Island, three miles to the eastward of the northern point of Jibbel Zukur, and a light vessel on the Mokha Shoals, the navigation of this most dangerous part of the Red Sea would be rendered much more safe and easy. For homeward-bound ships there is also a great necessity for a light on the southeast end of the Shadwan Island, as a guide to the entrance of the Straits of Jubal. With the great increase of the traffic through the Red Sea which has taken place during the last few years, it is now high time that there should be some improvement in the lighting of this great highway to the East. We may point out that the Canal Company are now extensively adopting Pintsch's fixed and floating gas-lights for the canal entrance and elsewhere, and no doubt will soon employ them in the Red Sea, where they are very much wanted.

We find it stated in a contemporary that recent investigations relative to the condition of the wire-rod trade in Great Britain and on the Continent point to a decided falling off in the English trade—the Continental industry, on the other hand, holding out flattering prospects. In support of this view it may be remembered that during the last twelve years no less than twenty English firms in the trade, including some of much importance, have suspended payment, and of the remainder it is very doubtful whether anything like a fair percentage have made much money. On the other hand, there have not been more than half-a-dozen failures among German firms, and these have been far more than counterbalanced by the erection of new works and the extension of those already existing. Every year there is evidence of fresh inroads on British trade by German houses. An English firm fails, but no new house enters to take its place, and neither does the bulk of the business remain with producers. It is secured by the Germans. In fact, the stoppages above mentioned represent a dead loss to English trade, for not only have no new works been started to supply their place, but the existing firms have rather reduced than increased their production, notwithstanding that the consumption of wire has increased enormously.

stoking, feeding, or attending any such furnace fire who shall fail or neglect to stoke, make, stoke, feed or attend such furnace fire, that the least possible smoke shall be produced or emitted therefrom, or shall fail or neglect to keep each and every appliance attached to such furnace for the prevention of smoke in efficient order and operation and properly attached, shall be deemed guilty of an offense under this ordinance, and on conviction of such offense before the Police Court of Cincinnati, be fined in any sum not exceeding \$50. All fines thus collected to be applied into the city treasury to and for the credit of the Street Repairing Fund.

*SECTION 1 (b).* It shall be the duty of the Mayor and member of the police force of Cincinnati, in connection with the Inspector of Smoke, to keep constant watch and supervision over all places where smoke is produced or emitted, and such police force shall notify the Inspector of Smoke of all such places, and, in connection with such inspector, shall enforce a strict compliance with and obedience to this and all other ordinances of the city of Cincinnati in relation to the prevention of smoke.

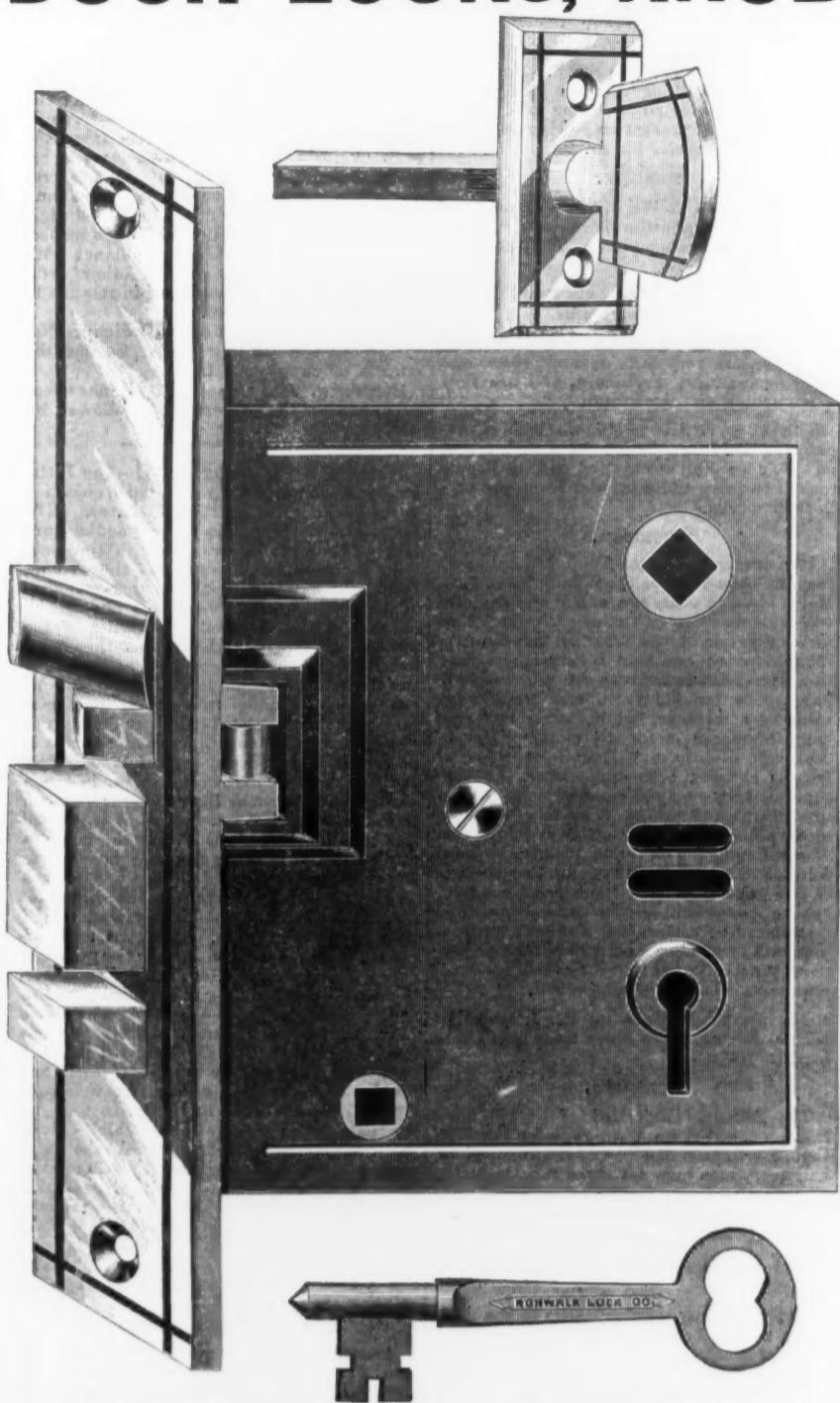
*SECTION 4.* Section 1 of the Ordinance No. 3263, passed November 2, 1881, be and the same is hereby repealed.

*SECTION 5.* This ordinance shall take effect on and after the earliest period allowed by law.

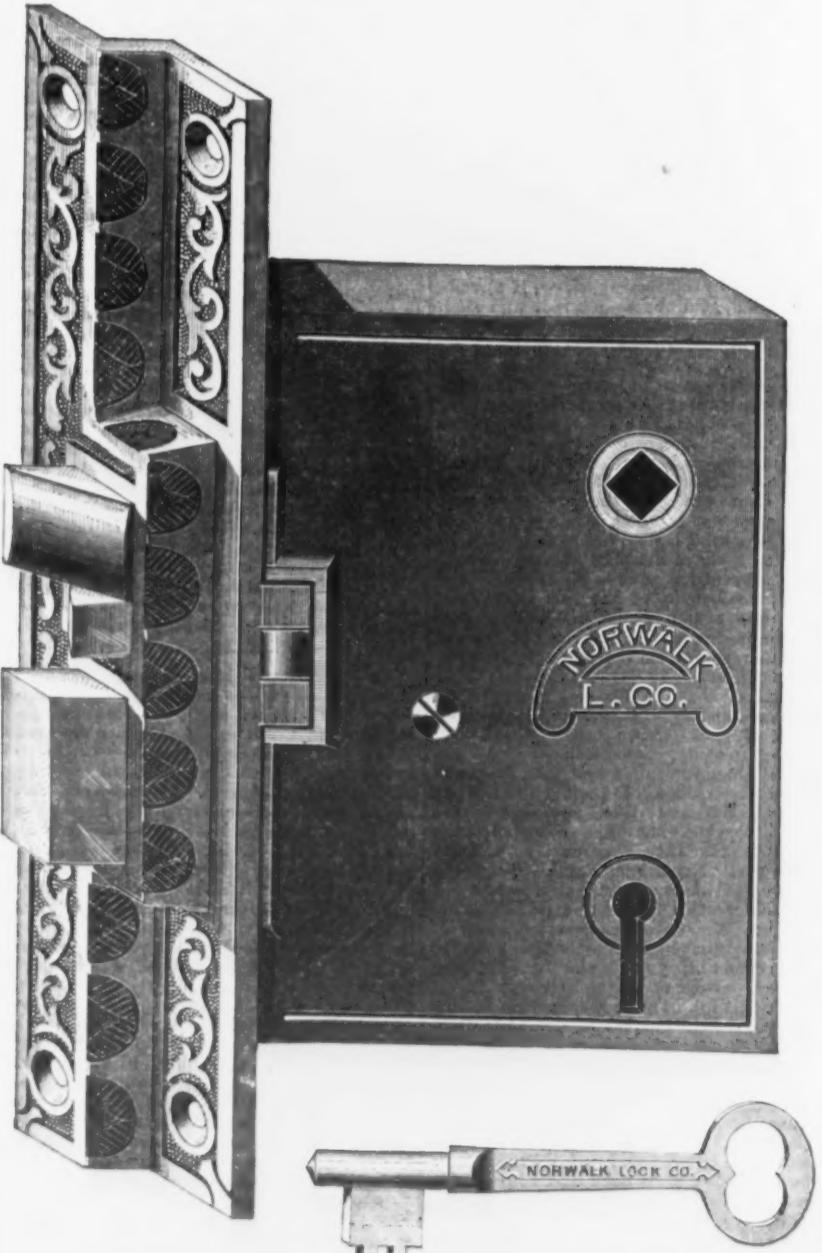
**Slack as a Pudding Fuel.**—The Pittsburgh puddlers are showing decided objection to the use of slack in their furnaces. The *Times* of that city says: The puddlers are kicking against the use of slack in the puddling furnaces, as it entails, so they claim, considerable extra work. Whether the move of the puddlers is a sympathetic one, growing out of the constant complaints of the miners, or whether they think they see a favorable opportunity of having the slack thrown out by refusing to use it, and thereby encourage the miners to insist on being paid for producing it, thus tending make its use unpleasant for the manufacturers, remains to be determined. In any event, it is a fact that the growing increase of its use has been viewed with alarm by the puddlers; so much so that at their last convention it is alleged that an effort was made to put the convention on record as being radically opposed to slack. It is even asserted that a date was fixed for making a demand on the manufacturers in the first and sixth districts, which includes Pittsburgh, Youngstown and vicinity, to dispense with slack in the puddling furnaces. Oliver Bros. & Phillips have taken the lead in remodeling their mills so as to utilize slack exclusively. The men have taken the matter in hand and have brought it to the attention of the firm. It appears that the puddlers in the Tenth street mill are divided on the matter, and the regular mill committee have been ignored. In view of the extensive improvements which Oliver Bros. & Phillips have introduced, the point is raised that the objections, if any, ought to have been raised before the firm expended thousands of dollars. The fact that the coal bills have recently been more closely looked into by the iron manufacturers is one reason why they take the slack, which costs but a trifle. Immediate action is expected on the part of the puddlers.

# NORWALK LOCK COMPANY,

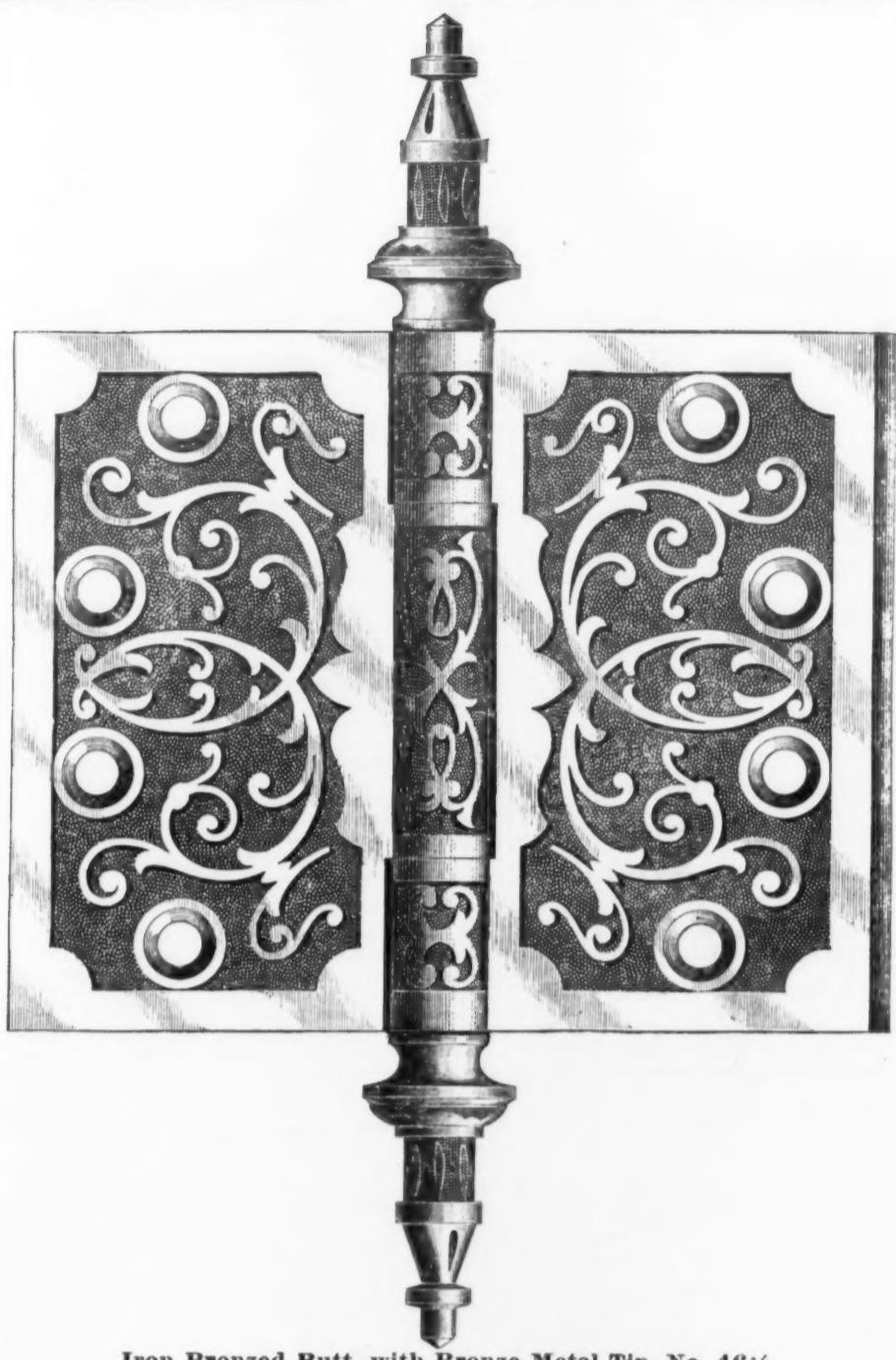
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**DOOR LOCKS, KNOBS and BUILDERS' HARDWARE.**



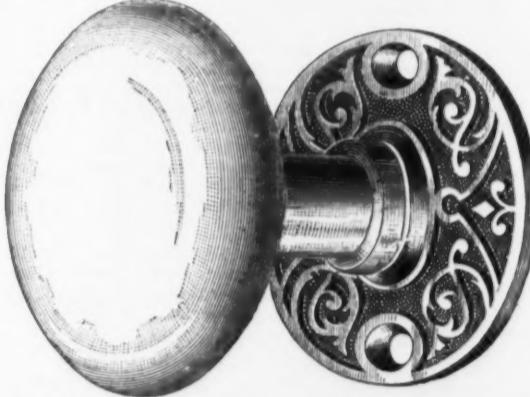
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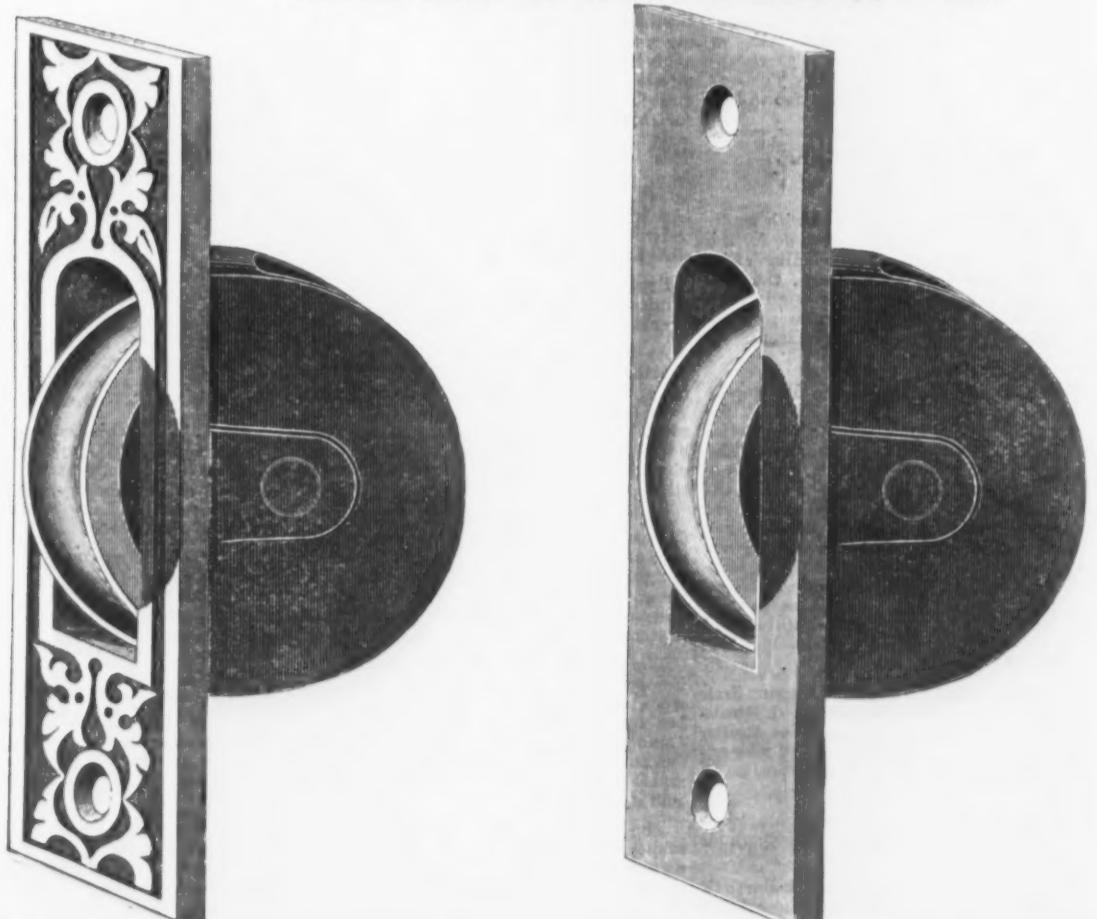
Mortise Knob Lock, Rabbeted Bronze Front, No. x4230.



Iron Bronzed Butt, with Bronze Metal Tip, No. 46 1/2.



Porcelain Knob, with Bronze Metal Mountings, No. 225.



Axle Pulley, with Iron Bronzed Front, No. 60.

Axle Pulley, with Plain Iron Bronzed Front, No. 050.

### The Michigan Central Bridge at Niagara.

A correspondent writes as follows: The best point from which to obtain a general view of the progress of the whole work is from the footway of the older suspension bridge, midway of the span. I wish to dispense with figures as much as possible, in order to present a general view, but it is necessary to remember that we stand here about 230 feet above the water, and that this is about the height of the almost perpendicular bank. We also learn that the distance between the piers of the new bridge, from side to side, will be 464 feet, and these last figures necessarily represent about the width of the mad torrent of water that goes roaring down from its leap over the precipice two miles above. I say necessarily, because the piers rise nearly from the water's edge. The new bridge is to be about 10 rods above the other. Commencing our view from the standpoint selected, we see just in the rear of the top of the bank on either side a small army of workmen engaged with derricks lowering timbers and blocks of stone to the scaffolding below, where they are in turn swung off by another derrick on their descent of nearly 200 feet to the workmen at the piers below. Further back from the top of the cliff other gangs are at work excavating for foundations and preparing to lay the great masses of stone masonry that are to confine the ends of the cantilever, which will balance and support the whole structure. The quantities of dressed stone, timber and steel lying about the grounds give the spectator some conception of the size of the work.

Dropping the eye about 25 feet from the top of the bank, we see a huge scaffolding from 150 to 200 feet high, and reaching out from the bank fully 100 feet, or enough to overtop the piers, which stand, as already stated, almost at the water's edge. It makes one hold his breath to look from one side of the river to the other at those two huge scaffolding, and think that they were erected there by ordinary men, plain carpenters and joiners, who, for their day's wages, wrought those stages up to their present dizzy height, in constant peril of the death in the raging flood beneath that a single slip or false step would bring them. We think of it as we look; they probably never thought of the danger, but went right on in a business-like way and did their work. A dummy engine stands near the edge of each scaffolding and derrick at the edge. More men—lots of them—are at work about these machines and as the great timbers and blocks of stone swing out over the abyss and go down slowly and steadily, the eye is captured by the sight and follows the descent till they reach their destination at the foot of the scaffolding. Here more men are at work, swarming like ants about the piers. These piers are of stone—four of them on each side of the river—their bases resting on foundations which will endure as long as the everlasting hills. Viewed from our standpoint these piers look small, and it is only by comparing their height with that of the ants around them, which we know to be men, that we convince ourselves that they are of some size. We learn that they are, in fact, each 40 feet in height. From these the steel towers will rise to and above the top of the bank, and the shape and symmetry of the work will be rapidly disclosed. The general description which I have given of the work on the bridge as it appears to day relates to both sides of the river. While the work on the American side is said to be the more advanced, the only indication of it from this general view is that two of the stone piers on the Canada side are minus their capstones. Some accidents have occurred to laborers here; more will probably occur, as the work is prosecuted in continual risk of life and limb. But it goes steadily on. The contract calls for \$1000 forfeit for each day that its completion is delayed beyond Dec. 1, 1883, and the unprofessional spectator, observing with amazement what has been thus far accomplished in the teeth of tremendous difficulties and in defiance of the forbidding situation, is quite ready to believe that the bridge will be finished "on time."

### Wheelwright's Tool for Drilling and Countersinking Tires.

We present in the accompanying engraving an ingenious tool brought out by the Wiley & Russell Mfg. Company, of Greenfield, Mass. It is specially adapted for wheelwrights, being capable of drilling and countersinking tires in one operation, and is made of a superior quality of steel. The countersinking tool is pierced to hold the drill, which may be readily adjusted accord-



Tool for Drilling and Countersinking Tires in One Operation.

ing to the depth of hole wanted. The drill piercing the tire and felloe, and the countersinking tool following, the job is finished in a single operation, without the trouble of adjusting tools and work twice. The tool is now supplied in the following sizes:  $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{3}{16}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\frac{5}{16}$ , with round shanks  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch or  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter.

There is a formidable array of electrical interests combined to solve the problem of removing from the streets and buildings the unsightly poles and wires now covering the lower part of the city. Numerous complaints have led to the formation of an organization of 25 electrical companies, exclusive of the Western Union, who propose to remove the poles and wires and to replace them with an underground system. A committee has been formed for the promotion of the end sought, and circulars relating to the subject have already been issued to electricians in this country and abroad, with the object of concentrating inventive genius upon the problem. It is proposed to ascertain the most practicable plan, and to have compulsory legislation requiring all electrical companies to conform to that plan; and it is intended

to make the plan so obviously the best that not even the powerful influence of the Western Union Telegraph Company can prevent the enactment of such a law.

### LATEST LEGAL DECISIONS.

#### TENANTS IN COMMON—PARTITION OF REAL PROPERTY.

One of two tenants in common, as the land could not be divided, brought an action against his co-tenant to compel a sale of the land, and had a judgment to that effect. The defendant carried the case—Johnson vs. Olmstead—to the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut, where the judgment was affirmed. Judge Pardue, in the opinion, said: "No person can be compelled to remain the owner with another of real estate, not even if he become such by his own act; every owner is entitled to the fullest enjoyment of his property, and that can come only through an ownership free from dictation by others as to the manner in which it may be exercised. Therefore, the law afforded to every owner with another relief by way of partition, and this regardless alike of the difficulties attending separation and the consequences to his associate. Rights to the use of running water, rights to dig ores, have been declared subject to this law. But, inasmuch as it might sometimes happen that by partition the property would be practically sacrificed, the statute has opened a way of escape from such a result. It permits a court of equity to order sale, when in its opinion a sale will better promote the interest of the owners. Therefore, since the passage of the statute there have been two modes of relief within the power of the court—partition and sale. Every owner with another is entitled to separate ownership by one of these; by partition first, and always if that is possible; if it is not, then by sale, every petitioner for a sale assuming the burden of proving a partition impossible, and if upon such petition the impossibility of partition is proven, the court is as much bound to order a sale as it would have been to order a partition upon a prayer for it, and upon proof that it could be conveniently and equitably made. If upon a petition for a sale it is proven both that partition is impossible and that a sale would result in a diminution of income, the petitioner is not for that reason to be shut up to continued joint ownership; he must have leave to go out of the possible door, notwithstanding that diminution; upon such petition the most that plaintiff or defendant can insist upon is that the undeniably right to severally in ownership shall be secured by the least injurious of the two specified modes."

#### SET-OFF—PARTNERSHIP AND PRIVATE DEBTS.

Brought an action against P. K. & Co. on the check of G, and the bank set up two defenses: 1. That the partnership of which G was a member was indebted to them in a sum more than the amount of his account, and that they had set off his credit against their debt. 2. That the balance to the credit of G was less than the amount of the check, and that C could not cover as assignee of G, unless the check passed to him the credit claim of G. The defendants succeeded below, and the plaintiff carried the case—Coates vs. Preston—to the Supreme Court of Illinois, where the judgment was affirmed. The Chief Justice, in the opinion, said: "1. Debts, to be the subject of set-off, must be mutual between the parties to the action. That is not the case here. The debt offered to be set off is the debt of the firm against the claim of one of the individual partners, and this cannot be done. 2. The bank was under no obligation to pay any sum on the check unless the drawer had sufficient money on deposit to his credit with which to pay the check in full. It is plain the present plaintiff could not recover for a moiety of the check. That would be a division of the claim which the law will not allow. A very different question would be presented if G himself was the plaintiff here. The plaintiff could only recover, if at all, on the check, and if the drawer did not have a sufficient sum on deposit in defendants' hands with which to make full payment, so as to take up and hold the check as a voucher, they were under no obligation to make a partial payment, and could rightfully refuse to pay the check, or any part of it, as they did."

#### ACCIDENT INSURANCE—INVOLUNTARY ACTION

##### —UNCONSCIOUS CONDITION OF MIND.

In an action to recover the weekly indemnity upon an accident policy—Scheiderer vs. Travelers' Insurance Company—the complainant stated that "when it was quite dark, and while he was in a dazed and unconscious condition of mind, and not knowing or realizing what he was doing, he involuntarily arose from his seat and walked unconsciously to the platform of the car, and, without fault on his part, fell therefrom to the ground and was thereby injured." The company insisted that they were not liable for this casualty, as it was not accidental, but the result of the action of the plaintiff. The trial court sustained this position of the defendant, and the plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, where the judgment was reversed. Judge Orton, in the opinion, said: "It is not necessary to wander away and get lost in 'that wilderness more dark than groves of fir on Huron's shore'—the wilderness of the mind—to ascertain the precise condition of the mind of the plaintiff, as stated in the complaint, when the accident occurred, and it is useless to speculate as to the remote causes of that condition—whether drunkenness, utter prostration, somnambulism, brain disease or derangement of the faculties—beyond, aside or in contradiction of the complaint. The allegations of the complaint show a cause of action against the company. What occurred happened, it is stated, while the plaintiff was unconscious, and that his action was involuntary. These are the strongest words which could be used to negative self-infliction, design or voluntary exposure, which are the only conditions material to the case which exempt the company from liability. In respect to the causes of this mental condition of the plaintiff, it must also be accepted as true that he went to sleep from weariness and the motion of the cars, and never awoke

to consciousness or volition until the injury had happened. It is evident that he was entirely irresponsible."

### Handling Freight in England.

Mr. Edgar Worthington, writing to the Railroad Gazette, devotes a long article to the subject of freight handling, and the methods employed in England. In this country we are, in a vast number of cases, far behind the age in machinery and appliances of all kinds for the purpose, and hence the subject is of the highest interest: It is not very long since the stout oaken capstan on board ship was the only representative of its kind, when the Scotchman with his bagpipes sat in the middle encouraging the sailors with his musical drone to "heave in" at the capstan, and thus weigh the anchor. But now not only the sailor, but railway men and many others, including the man who moves his house along the street in some Western city, all know and make use of this mechanical device to haul great weights.

But it is with capstans in freight-yards and warehouses with which we have now more especially to deal. And not with those which are turned by hand, but those where the hand of man has only to make a couple of turns of rope round the iron capstan, and watch the iron muscles of the little laborer do the work.

There are two styles of capstans in common use in England—those driven from underground shafting, and those driven by separate engines, generally by hydraulic power. The former are connected by bevel gear to the main shafting, and are constantly running as long as the engine is at work. The head of the capstan is often made of two pieces, the upper part, which receives all the wear of the rope, being made of chilled iron and screwed on to the lower half, which is not worn by this friction, and is therefore more permanent. The shaft on which this head is keyed passes down through a square casting, which is firmly bolted to a stone or brick foundation by four stout bolts. A long bearing piece is fixed to this casting for the shaft to revolve in; and a bevel-wheel is keyed on the lower end of the shaft, which is geared into a smaller bevel-wheel on a horizontal counter-shaft, which is in its turn driven from the main shafting. In this manner as many as a dozen capstans may be driven from the same engine, each capstan, when worked alone, being able to exert the full power of that engine. These power capstans are, however, dropping out of use on account of the misuse of the great power possessed by them, which frequently results in a broken rope, or, still worse, a broken limb, and hydraulic capstans of various makes have taken their place.

Among the earliest of these, still much in use, was a capstan made by Sir William Armstrong. A little hydraulic engine of three oscillating cylinders placed side by side was firmly fixed to the ground below the capstan, and was made to drive the latter through a pair of reducing bevel-wheels. The cylinders were stout brass castings, and the water pressure acted only on one side of the piston or ram. The valve chests and valves were also of brass, and all the fixed joints in the pipes and machinery were made of gutta-percha. Another successful method was that of making the three cylinders work directly on to three cranks in the capstan spindle.

But the most generally adopted type is that resulting from an application of the Brotherhood three-cylinder engine to the capstan. In this compact combination a cast-iron pillar inside the capstan-head forms a long bearing for the capstan spindle. At the lower end of the latter, immediately below the bed-plate, is a single crank on which three cylinders work, ranged at angles of  $120^\circ$  with one another, these cylinders being of iron, cast in one piece, and bushed with phosphor-bronze. The rams are of brass or phosphor-bronze, having a long bearing in the cylinder, and each is packed with a cup leather, which is the universal packing for hydraulic cylinders, ingeniously arranged so that the pressure of water behind the ram opens the cup leather, and forms a tight joint with the cylinder. Unless these cup leathers are perfect in size and quality, the rough usage of a capstan, or the admission of sand with the water, will soon find out the defect, through which the water, at 750 pounds pressure per square inch, will soon be running to waste. These cup leathers are generally made of the best thick leather, and are pressed into the required shape between cast-iron dies. The three connecting-rods which work on the one crank above mentioned, and which are always subjected to compression, owing to the cylinders being single acting, are made of cast iron, and, as in the case of the Westinghouse engine, they can, for the same reason, be run at a very high speed.

The distribution of water to these cylinders is effected by one valve placed vertically below the center of the capstan and driven by means of a brass disk on the lower end of the crank. The valve is of brass, and is circular. It contains pressure port opening on its under side into the valve chamber, where the water is admitted from the pipes, and an exhaust port conducting the water from the cylinders, each in turn, back through the center of the cylinder casting, whence it is conveyed in return pipes to the engine house, or to waste, as the case may be. This distributing valve is  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter, and the face upon which it revolves is of lignumvitae, a wood which has been found by its self-lubricating qualities to withstand the great pressure better than any metal, especially where grit is liable to pass through with the water. The port holes in this lignumvitae face are 1 inch in diameter, and are bushed with short pieces of brass tubes, which keep their edges perfect. It is a point of great importance in this valve that there should be no lap; that the pressure should be on the rams during the whole of their forward stroke, and that it should then be instantly cut off and the exhaust port quite as instantly opened. Many hydraulic engines are fitted with a small relief valve in the water passages, through which any confined water may find its way back to the valve-chest, if, from any cause, the valve should not open soon enough. But in these Brotherhood capstans there is no

such relief valve, the main valve itself being forced off its seat in case of over-pressure in the cylinders. Some of these capstans, after being in use for a considerable time, give signs of being out of order by stopping suddenly. This behavior was for some time unexplained, until it was found to be owing to the gear which drives the valve getting a little worn, and thus not operating the exhaust exactly at the end of the stroke. This little defect was easily remedied, but it shows how necessary it is to provide a prompt and reliable outlet to water, which is so inelastic that, if confined, it will either stop the machine or have a disastrous effect at the weakest part of the structure.

The whole of this self-contained capstan, including the hydraulic engine, which we are considering, is made complete in the shops, and is then ready to be dropped on to a stone or brick foundation, which is provided with a manhole to facilitate the examination of joints of the renewing of the cup leathers. The starting and stopping of the capstan is effected by an ordinary spindle valve with a conical seat, which is opened by the foot through treads placed on both sides of the capstan, and which is closed by weights. All the necessary levers connecting these two treads with the valve, being four in number, are attached to the under side of the foundation plate. Instead of providing access to the engine by means of a manhole, some of these foundation planks are arranged on a hinge so that the whole capstan can be tilted up above the ground, thus enabling repairs to be more easily effected than in the necessarily confined space of a manhole. This is no doubt a great convenience, and shows the advantage of paying special attention to the get-at-ability of parts of machinery which, like the capstans, are kept so much warmer and safer when they are well confined underneath the ground.

There are many other little points of interest in the capstan above described which it would be useless to attempt to describe further without the aid of drawings to illustrate the details. Many of these details appear absurdly strong to an eye accustomed to steam machinery only, but water at 750 pounds per square inch pressure cannot be kept within bounds by the same means as steam at 60 pounds. When well constructed, they are an immense convenience in a freight yard, being a great and safe power in a small space. Each capstan can pull 10 loaded cars, or 150 tons, and no more, its power depending entirely on the pressure of water supplied. Hence lighter ropes can be employed than those which were necessary when locomotives or other powerful machinery did the work, and thus the labor of carrying ropes about the yard is very much reduced.

The hydraulic cranes with which warehouses are stocked are generally of a light construction; especially if a secure fastening can be found overhead, in the roof or wall, where a shoe forming a pivot for the pillar can be secured, in which case the crane can be more conveniently and lightly constructed, and at the same time more clearance can be provided underneath the jib. In most cases the cylinder forms part of the pillar of the crane, the water being conveyed to and from it through a pipe in the center of the shoe. This is, however, a very exposed position for the cylinder, and in the case of cranes which stand in the open air, it is either cased in with wrought-iron plates or placed entirely underground. At the Holyhead docks a very complete system of hydraulic machinery was put down five years ago. There the warehouse cranes stand in the openings of a stone wall and have thus a secure fastening for the top and bottom of the pillar. The jib reaches out through this opening over the vessel, and swings from that position across a platform containing a weighing machine, over to the railroad cars on the other side of the platform. The cranes are of wrought iron, and the cylinders are placed underneath the platform at such an angle as to enable the ram to sink back into the cylinder by its own weight when the crane is empty and lowering. These cylinders are of double power, which is effected in the following manner: The ram of the main lifting cylinder is itself a cylinder containing a smaller ram. This smaller cylinder is the one generally used, the larger ram being kept in its place by a catch, which can be released when the larger power is required for a heavier lift. The slewing cylinders are placed side by side, their rams being connected by a chain which passes round the base of the pillar, and their valves are closed automatically when the jib has reached the limit of its swing. The slewing cylinders are among the most valuable features in hydraulic cranes, for they place the jib completely under the control of the operator, thus enabling him to turn the crane round while in the act of lifting, and to deposit its burden at any given point in the circle of its range with the least possible delay.

There are different ways of varying the power of hydraulic cranes, one being that of varying the ratio of the pulleys in the lifting ram, and another being an ingenious device invented by Mr. Mills, by which the power of the two slewing cylinders can be united to that of the lifting cylinder by means of a simple chain connection and an increased stroke of the rams. But none of these complications are regarded with very general favor, because it is found that simplicity in working a crane is of more value than a little saving of water. In all hydraulic machinery it is usual to provide an air cock at the highest point to which the water rises, in order to allow the air to escape on admitting water for the first time. And, as before mentioned, it is important to burn gas-jets near the cylinders or other exposed parts during cold weather. With these precautions it is found that hydraulic machinery is perfectly reliable, and, as I have already endeavored to illustrate, it is in very general use throughout the warehouses, docks and freight-yards.

The use of gas as a motive power in large warehouses has been successfully tried in several parts of England, and its adaptability to places where gas is cheap deserves attention. The engines, of which the Otto silent gas engine is the most prominent example, are placed on the upper floors of warehouses, or wherever they are nearest their work, and the chief advantage over the steam engine lies in the absence of a boiler, or, indeed, of any visible fuel, and also in the little attention consequently required. Their advantage over the hydraulic system consists mainly in their being unaffected by the coldest weather and in their economy of power, of which the hydraulic system is necessarily so wasteful. As to the all-important question of economy, however, everything depends on the price of gas, which, it may be mentioned, is as low as 75 cents per 1000 feet in some of the English cities.

A word about the lighter elevators which are used so largely in the hotels and large buildings of America for passengers and light freight may not be out of place here. The accidents which have from time to time happened to such elevators have made the British public very much afraid of them, especially of those worked by rope gear. A little more confidence seems to be placed in those actuated directly by a hydraulic cylinder sunk in the ground, which gives a more visible and direct support to the cage than where the latter is suspended by ropes only. But the larger amount of friction and the slow movement of such elevators take away their real value for passenger purposes, and if such were placed in the Mills Building, or other large office buildings in New York, in place of the rapidly-moving elevators which are at work there now, I fear that most of those who now make frequent use of them would walk upstairs. These direct-acting elevators have been made up to a great height, the ram of one of them being  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter, and having a stroke of 70 feet. In this case, however, the weight of the cage was balanced so as to take as much dead weight as possible off so slender a ram. The water pressure used in such elevators varies from 30 pounds to 800 pounds per square inch. But passenger elevators are not used in England to anything like the extent they are in America. There seems again to be a general mistrust of all the various forms of safety apparatus, which have so often failed to act when most needed, so that the public in general prefer the exertion of walking up many flights of stairs to the slight risk of trusting themselves in the elevator, and it appears that the British public will remain of that opinion until something simpler and safer be introduced.

I have found it necessary to make frequent reference to the lorries or carts which do all the work of carrying freight through the streets. These are usually flat, and substantially built, and have no sides or ends beyond the few inches of sill to keep the load from slipping off. They are mounted on four strong wheels, which have often a tread of 6 inches in width, and weigh altogether from 15 to 36 cwt., as the load or are constructed to carry varies from 3 to 14 tons. Similar wagons, with sides and ends, are in use on rougher roads in the country, which weigh as much as 23 cwt., and which will carry 3 tons of coal. The lighter freight traffic of the streets is carried in two-wheeled carts usually made without springs, which are often loaded with as much as 30 cwt. of coal. The horses which draw these carts and lorries are usually of a very heavy build, and often weigh as much as 16 cwt. each. When a horse weighs more than 19 cwt. he is considered a very fine animal. It will thus be noticed that in the streets, as in the warehouses, and on the railroads, the methods of handling freight in England differ widely from those in general use in the United States. The difference lies chiefly in the substantial nature of the fixed plant in the older country, which is due largely to the greater abundance of capital there.

My main object in writing these letters has been to indicate some of the methods by which large quantities of freight are handled in England, and more especially the aid which hydraulic power has afforded in the operations of transferring it between ship and lorry and railroad car as rapidly and at the same time as cheaply as possible. Whether this power can be applied in the United States to the same extent as it is in England is a matter for experiment to decide. But considering the severe winters which the machinery has already safely endured, I see no insuperable difficulty in the way of its more general adoption, even in the Northern and Eastern States of America.

At a lecture lately delivered at the Civil Service Institution in London, Colonel Fosbery created a sensation by suddenly drawing from its place of hiding, under the table, a wonderful new gun, which he had just brought from Liège. He called it a "baby electric gun." It looked like a pretty carbine, but it had no mechanism and could not possibly go off until connected up to the source of electric force. This done, it could be fired with amazing rapidity, 104 rounds having a few days before been fired from it by its inventor, M. Pieper, of Liège, in two minutes. Colonel Fosbery fired two rounds with infinitesimal powder charges. He had prepared himself by secreting under his vest a small circuit of wire and putting on a bandoleer, supporting what looked like a two-ounce vial, but was, in fact, an electric accumulator, with sufficient stored-up energy to discharge 2000 rounds. The cartridges were innocent looking mites, and contained no detonating substances—nothing,

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[Special Cable Dispatch to The Iron Age.]

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Makers' brands are quoted as follows:

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Carnbrue, " " " 50/6

Glengarnock

illustrates a new Tubular Dead Lock and Night Latch, Steel Key Mortise Lock, and Scandinavian Padlocks, manufactured by M. W. & Co.; also a sample of their newer style Escutcheon Door Knob and Bell Pull. Sargent & Co. show a few of the many designs of Builders' Hardware manufactured at their New Haven works. Sargent & Co. and Mallory, Wheeler & Co. use similar designs in their Bronze Metal and Imperial Bronze House Trimmings, so that their goods match in color, style and finish.

On our 46th page will be seen the advertisement of Smith's Patent Screw Staples and Hasps, which are only made in the United States by the Wheeling Hinge Company, who make the following announcement:

WHEELING, W. VA., AUG. 13, 1883.

To the Trade: Having been appointed sole licensees for the manufacture and sale of "Smith's Patent Screw Staples" in and for the United States, it affords us great pleasure to recommend them to the trade. We speak within bounds when we say we have made as many hasps and staples as any other manufacturer, and, although our goods have always compared favorably with others, we have heard numerous complaints of their inefficiency as a fastening. Ordinarily one staple can be clinched; the other, going into solid timber, is easily pulled out. The Smith Staples cannot be pulled out, and it is easier to break the lock used with them than to break the staple; so that from being the weakest part of such a fastening, the staple is now the strongest part. It costs more to make, and will, therefore, always be higher in price; but wherever it is shown it will sell. For fastening founders' flasks they are unequalled, and we have already had quite a demand for them for that purpose. Soliciting correspondence, we are

Yours very truly,

WHEELING HINGE COMPANY.

The Saranac Horse Nail Company, whose advertisement will be found on our 24th page, in a recent circular speaks as follows of the manufacture of their Nails:

Selected brands only of Norway Iron of the very best quality are used in their manufacture, and in quality and superior finish they are guaranteed to be unsurpassed in the world, while the improvements introduced in our system of making enable us to offer them at lower rates and at greater discounts to the trade than can be offered by any other manufacturer. The principles and effects of hand-made Nails are fully retained in our process of manufacture, producing results which place the Saranac Horse Shoe Nail in the front rank of machine-made Nails, and establish its claim to pre-eminence for toughness, strength, freedom from flaws, and beauty and superiority of finish. Being hammered at nearly welding heat, they are firmer and tougher, maintaining the stiffness and ductility without deteriorating, but rather improving the quality of the Iron, producing absolute freedom from any tendency to sliver in driving, a cause of lameness and injury to so many horses. We shall abate no effort to maintain the present enviable reputation of our goods, and have every confidence that with skilled workmen in every department, and our long and practical experience in the business, we shall secure to our manufacturer the endorsement and approval of all dealers and consumers. We invite correspondence, and shall be pleased to send samples to any address and furnish all desired information. These goods are in the hands of leading jobbing houses in every part of the United States, Mexico, Cuba and South America, and extensively exported to Europe.

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The Crystal Plate Glass Company, of St. Louis, give notice that bids for Polished Plate Glass will hold good only in the event of shipment being required after the 30th inst. They can receive no more orders for September delivery on account of the large amount of business already in hand for that month.

Chas. W. Pickering & Co., of Philadelphia, manufacturers of Railway Springs, have opened a branch office at 45 Boreel Building, 115 Broadway, New York, under the management of A. L. Rowe.

The catalogue and price list of the Tuck Mfg. Company, Brockton, Mass., is illustrated by a style of outline engravings which show the shape of the various goods in a very clear and neat manner. In some lines, such as "Mechanics Cutlery," the difference in shape of the blades is very well shown by overlapping diagrams. The following are their present list prices, from which a discount of 25 per cent. is taken. We quote from the catalogue: "All the goods comprised in this list are made from the best selected stock in the market. They are manufactured by skilled workmen of long experience, and are warranted to maintain their well-earned reputation."

PRICE LIST OF GOODS MADE BY THE TUCK MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

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| Length in<br>inches. | New<br>Pattern.<br>Flat. | S. V. T.<br>Pattern.<br>Flat. | Round. | Plane.  | " York<br>and<br>Jeweler's." |          |          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                      |                          |                               |        |         | Pr. doz.                     | Pr. doz. | Pr. doz. |
| 1 1/2                | \$1.00                   | \$1.60                        | \$1.20 | \$1.20  |                              |          |          |
| 2                    | \$2.00                   | \$3.00                        | \$1.50 | \$2.00  |                              |          |          |
| 2 1/2                |                          |                               |        |         |                              |          |          |
| 3                    | \$2.50                   | \$2.00                        | \$1.70 | \$2.40  |                              |          |          |
| 3 1/2                |                          |                               |        |         |                              |          |          |
| 4                    | \$2.00                   | \$2.40                        | \$1.90 | \$2.80  |                              |          |          |
| 5                    | \$3.00                   | \$4.00                        | \$2.10 | \$3.80  |                              |          |          |
| 6                    | \$4.00                   | \$5.00                        | \$2.10 | \$4.80  |                              |          |          |
| 7                    | \$5.00                   | \$6.00                        | \$2.00 | \$5.80  |                              |          |          |
| 8                    | \$6.00                   | \$7.00                        | \$2.00 | \$6.80  |                              |          |          |
| 9                    | \$7.00                   | \$8.00                        | \$2.10 | \$7.80  |                              |          |          |
| 10                   | \$8.00                   | \$9.00                        | \$2.10 | \$8.80  |                              |          |          |
| 11                   | \$9.00                   | \$10.00                       | \$2.00 | \$9.80  |                              |          |          |
| 12                   | \$10.00                  | \$11.00                       | \$2.00 | \$10.80 |                              |          |          |
| 13                   | \$11.00                  | \$12.00                       | \$2.00 | \$11.80 |                              |          |          |
| 14                   | \$12.00                  | \$13.00                       | \$2.00 | \$12.80 |                              |          |          |
| 15                   | \$13.00                  | \$14.00                       | \$2.00 | \$13.80 |                              |          |          |
| 16                   | \$14.00                  | \$15.00                       | \$2.00 | \$14.80 |                              |          |          |
| 17                   | \$15.00                  | \$16.00                       | \$2.00 | \$15.80 |                              |          |          |
| 18                   | \$16.00                  | \$17.00                       | \$2.00 | \$16.80 |                              |          |          |
| 19                   | \$17.00                  | \$18.00                       | \$2.00 | \$17.80 |                              |          |          |
| 20                   | \$18.00                  | \$19.00                       | \$2.00 | \$18.80 |                              |          |          |
| 21                   | \$19.00                  | \$20.00                       | \$2.00 | \$19.80 |                              |          |          |
| 22                   | \$20.00                  | \$21.00                       | \$2.00 | \$20.80 |                              |          |          |
| 23                   | \$21.00                  | \$22.00                       | \$2.00 | \$21.80 |                              |          |          |
| 24                   | \$22.00                  | \$23.00                       | \$2.00 | \$22.80 |                              |          |          |
| 25                   | \$23.00                  | \$24.00                       | \$2.00 | \$23.80 |                              |          |          |
| 26                   | \$24.00                  | \$25.00                       | \$2.00 | \$24.80 |                              |          |          |
| 27                   | \$25.00                  | \$26.00                       | \$2.00 | \$25.80 |                              |          |          |
| 28                   | \$26.00                  | \$27.00                       | \$2.00 | \$26.80 |                              |          |          |
| 29                   | \$27.00                  | \$28.00                       | \$2.00 | \$27.80 |                              |          |          |
| 30                   | \$28.00                  | \$29.00                       | \$2.00 | \$28.80 |                              |          |          |
| 31                   | \$29.00                  | \$30.00                       | \$2.00 | \$29.80 |                              |          |          |
| 32                   | \$30.00                  | \$31.00                       | \$2.00 | \$30.80 |                              |          |          |
| 33                   | \$31.00                  | \$32.00                       | \$2.00 | \$31.80 |                              |          |          |
| 34                   | \$32.00                  | \$33.00                       | \$2.00 | \$32.80 |                              |          |          |
| 35                   | \$33.00                  | \$34.00                       | \$2.00 | \$33.80 |                              |          |          |
| 36                   | \$34.00                  | \$35.00                       | \$2.00 | \$34.80 |                              |          |          |
| 37                   | \$35.00                  | \$36.00                       | \$2.00 | \$35.80 |                              |          |          |
| 38                   | \$36.00                  | \$37.00                       | \$2.00 | \$36.80 |                              |          |          |
| 39                   | \$37.00                  | \$38.00                       | \$2.00 | \$37.80 |                              |          |          |
| 40                   | \$38.00                  | \$39.00                       | \$2.00 | \$38.80 |                              |          |          |
| 41                   | \$39.00                  | \$40.00                       | \$2.00 | \$39.80 |                              |          |          |
| 42                   | \$40.00                  | \$41.00                       | \$2.00 | \$40.80 |                              |          |          |
| 43                   | \$41.00                  | \$42.00                       | \$2.00 | \$41.80 |                              |          |          |
| 44                   | \$42.00                  | \$43.00                       | \$2.00 | \$42.80 |                              |          |          |
| 45                   | \$43.00                  | \$44.00                       | \$2.00 | \$43.80 |                              |          |          |
| 46                   | \$44.00                  | \$45.00                       | \$2.00 | \$44.80 |                              |          |          |
| 47                   | \$45.00                  | \$46.00                       | \$2.00 | \$45.80 |                              |          |          |
| 48                   | \$46.00                  | \$47.00                       | \$2.00 | \$46.80 |                              |          |          |
| 49                   | \$47.00                  | \$48.00                       | \$2.00 | \$47.80 |                              |          |          |
| 50                   | \$48.00                  | \$49.00                       | \$2.00 | \$48.80 |                              |          |          |
| 51                   | \$49.00                  | \$50.00                       | \$2.00 | \$49.80 |                              |          |          |
| 52                   | \$50.00                  | \$51.00                       | \$2.00 | \$50.80 |                              |          |          |
| 53                   | \$51.00                  | \$52.00                       | \$2.00 | \$51.80 |                              |          |          |
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| 58                   | \$56.00                  | \$57.00                       | \$2.00 | \$56.80 |                              |          |          |
| 59                   | \$57.00                  | \$58.00                       | \$2.00 | \$57.80 |                              |          |          |
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| 63                   | \$61.00                  | \$62.00                       | \$2.00 | \$61.80 |                              |          |          |
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| 66                   | \$64.00                  | \$65.00                       | \$2.00 | \$64.80 |                              |          |          |
| 67                   | \$65.00                  | \$66.00                       | \$2.00 | \$65.80 |                              |          |          |
| 68                   | \$66.00                  | \$67.00                       | \$2.00 | \$66.80 |                              |          |          |
| 69                   | \$67.00                  | \$68.00                       | \$2.00 | \$67.80 |                              |          |          |
| 70                   | \$68.00                  | \$69.00                       | \$2.00 | \$68.80 |                              |          |          |
| 71                   | \$69.00                  | \$70.00                       | \$2.00 | \$69.80 |                              |          |          |
| 72                   | \$70.00                  | \$71.00                       | \$2.00 | \$70.80 |                              |          |          |
| 73                   | \$71.00                  | \$72.00                       | \$2.00 | \$71.80 |                              |          |          |
| 74                   | \$72.00                  | \$73.00                       | \$2.00 | \$72.80 |                              |          |          |
| 75                   | \$73.00                  | \$74.00                       | \$2.00 | \$73.80 |                              |          |          |
| 76                   | \$74.00                  | \$75.00                       | \$2.00 | \$74.80 |                              |          |          |
| 77                   | \$75.00                  | \$76.00                       | \$2.00 | \$75.80 |                              |          |          |
| 78                   | \$76.00                  | \$77.00                       | \$2.00 | \$76.80 |                              |          |          |
| 79                   | \$77.00                  | \$78.00                       | \$2.00 | \$77.80 |                              |          |          |
| 80                   | \$78.00                  | \$79.00                       | \$2.00 | \$78.80 |                              |          |          |
| 81                   | \$79.00                  | \$80.00                       | \$2.00 | \$79.80 |                              |          |          |
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| 86                   | \$84.00                  | \$85.00                       | \$2.00 | \$84.80 |                              |          |          |
| 87                   | \$85.00                  | \$86.00                       | \$2.00 | \$85.80 |                              |          |          |
| 88                   | \$86.00                  | \$87.00                       | \$2.00 | \$86.80 |                              |          |          |
| 89                   | \$87.00                  | \$88.00                       | \$2.00 | \$87.80 |                              |          |          |
| 90                   | \$                       |                               |        |         |                              |          |          |



sunshine, clouds and gloom have settled down again. Since the 1st of August we think we can see an improvement, slight though it may be, in the demand for Pig Metal; but as to whether the improvement will be permanent and do to base future operations on, we confess ourselves wholly unable to give a satisfactory positive opinion.

Inclining, as we do, to the optimistic view, we should dwell on the fairly good returns we have had and may expect to have from our agricultural operations. While our wheat crop will undeniably be 75,000,000 bushels short of last year, so large a surplus has been carried over from last year's crop, both here and in Europe, that we actually hear more anxiety expressed as to whether we shall have a foreign demand for our surplus wheat than any bewailing because we shall have less to export than we had from last year's crop. If, however, we read the indications aright, no one need worry but that we shall have a foreign demand for our breadstuffs at fairly good prices. The crop in Great Britain will be less than an average; it is largely short in France and in Southern Russia. In only one country has there been what can be called a first-rate crop, viz., India, which has a surplus of about 60,000,000 bushels for export. If prices here are not unduly advanced, we shall easily dispose of our surplus. The demand may come late, but come it will before the close of the crop year. Our hay and oat crop were immense and satisfactory. We are sure to have a moderately good corn crop, and if frosts keep off unusually late, it is within the range of probabilities that we may raise more corn than ever before. The cotton crop hardly promises as well, but good weather for the next month will do much for it. Altogether, while the crop prospects and realizations are not as brilliant as last year, Mother Earth and the weather have done their share toward helping us out of our slough of despond.

While our present troubles may be to some extent imaginary, and attributable, as the old story runs, to a lack of confidence, the cessation of the railroad building has had much to do with producing the want of confidence. And, indeed, with the present outlook in railroad circles, it requires a great deal of nerve to build railroads. People will build them with rails at \$60 per ton, but don't want them with rails at \$38 per ton. For some unaccountable reason, bonds on \$60 rails sell better than on \$38 rails. In Wall street, where railroad schemes originate, distrust and gloomy forebodings prevail to an alarming degree, and, while the general business public has little direct interest in the contests of Wall street, it remains true that the dealings on the Stock Exchange are, to some extent, an index of the country's financial and commercial condition.

Following in the line of exaggerated Wall street rumors, there is a tendency in legitimate trade circles, in such times as these, to indulge in a great deal of trade gossip in regard to the financial standing of parties suspected to be in trouble, and, as in polite society scandal sometimes questions the virtue of the purest, so do these business gossips insinuate evil of firms whose solvency is and should be undoubted. Any tendency of this sort is to be roundly deprecated. The sanguine and energetic man, full of ambition to extend his business, who may have branched out beyond what he had cash to pay for, and who may be somewhat in debt, should not have suspicions cast on his solvency by any conservative "money-bags" whose wisdom has entirely come from timidity. We do not think that the investments which have merit, made in the Iron business the past few years, will fail to pay eventually their sanguine promoters.

We must, first of all, disabuse ourselves of the idea that we are in similar conditions to those preceding the crash of 1873. The differences will readily suggest themselves to all who were in trade ten years ago. When a man has got to the bottom of a hill, he can fall no further, and when Forge Iron sells for \$18 in Pittsburgh, it cannot go a great deal lower. When people owe nothing, they cannot fail, and when business is largely done for cash, there is no danger of a panic. These trite truisms are well to bear in mind, for, should the revival which has apparently set in continue, there will be pessimists enough left to tell us that the excitement of the fall elections and the dread of the approaching session of Congress will prevent any lasting improvement.

There is no better index of trade than transportation. Within the past week grain freights on the lake have advanced 1¢ per bushel, and Lake Superior Ore freights 25¢ per ton. While it seems almost too good to hope that the advance will be permanent, should such be the case it will justly lead one to think that forces are working which tend to an improvement in our various and large business interests. The demand for vessels at Chicago indicates a good foreign demand for grain. The advances in Ore freights will lessen considerably the shipments of Lake Superior Iron Ore. It is safe to say that 1,500,000 tons of Lake Superior Ore have been sold; the total production cannot exceed 2,000,000 tons. The shipments to August 22 were 1,262,554 tons, being 512,551 tons short of the shipments for the same time last year, and there are but about 2½ months of lake navigation left. It is not extravagant to say that it looks as if all the Lake Superior Ore mined this year will be wanted, and at as good as present prevailing prices; and if the price of Ore is firm, it must have some effect on what is obtained for the product. There are some bright features in the situation, and that matters may so shape that we may be able to elaborate them still more in a future homily is our earnest wish.

#### CHATTANOOGA.

Office of *The Iron Age*, M. 10th and 8th sts.,  
CHATTANOOGA, Sept. 3, 1883.

There is nothing of special interest in Southern business. Stocks of heavy materials in the hands of producers and dealers are low and constantly declining. The activity in the building trades continues unabated, and materials pertaining to that line are bringing full prices and moving briskly. The city of Chattanooga will handle not less than 25,000,000 feet of lumber during the current year, fully half of which is on account of

local consumption. Other Southern towns report similar, if not equal, activity in this line. The weather has been cool during the week, with plenty of rain. The preparations for fall business in various manufacturing lines goes forward unabated, there being especially a "boom" in wood-working concerns.

**Pig Iron.**—There is nothing new or interesting in the Southern market. Buyers continue the dribbling style of purchasing. Brokers are practically out of stock, and there are no large accumulations at furnaces. Transactions are usually at quotations. We quote No. 1 Foundry \$18 @ \$20; No. 2 Foundry, \$18 @ \$19; Gray Forge, \$16 @ \$19; White and Mottled, \$14 @ \$15; Cartwheel Metal, \$24 @ \$26.

**Ores.**—We quote 50% Brown Hematite, \$10 per ton, \$2 @ \$2.75; Red Fossil, \$2 @ \$2.25, delivered at furnace.

**Miscellaneous Articles.**—Old Rails are steady at \$20 @ \$22. We quote Wrought Scrap, \$18 @ \$22; Cast Scrap, \$11 @ \$14; Old Wheels, nominal, \$22.

**Nails.**—The market continues favorable to producers. Mills are on double turn. We quote at \$3, 60 days, 2% off for cash; job lots, 15% higher.

**Manufactured Iron.**—The Bar Iron market is in fair condition. We continue quoting \$2 @ \$2.10 for large bars, assorted sizes. Track supplies are in good request. Railroad Spikes, \$2.60; Track Bolts, \$3.20; Fish Plate, \$2.

**Coke.**—We quote Fancy Lump \$3; Common, \$2.50; run of mine to manufacturers, \$1.75 at mills.

**Coke.**—We quote Furnace Coke \$3 at point of consumption; Foundry, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

#### LOUISVILLE.

GEO. H. HULL & CO., Commission Merchants, report as follows, under date of Sept. 1, 1883: There is no noticeable change in the market since our last quotations. We quote for cash, in round lots, as below:

#### FOUNDRY IRONS.

No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal..... \$25.00 @ 25.50  
No. 1 Southern Charcoal..... 25.50 @ 23.00  
No. 1 Hanging Rock Stoncoal and Coke..... 20.50 @ 22.50  
No. 1 Southern Stoncoal and Coke..... 20.00 @ 20.50  
No. 2 " " "..... 18.50 @ 19.50  
" American Scotch"..... 19.00 @ 21.00  
Open Silver-gray..... 18.00 @ 19.00  
Close..... 17.00 @ 18.00

#### MILL IRONS.

No. 1 Charcoal..... 19.00 @ 20.00  
No. 1 Stoncoal and Coke, Neutral..... 18.00 @ 18.50  
No. 1 " " "..... 17.00 @ 17.50  
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White and Mottled, Cold-short and Neutral..... 15.00 @ 16.00

#### CAR WHEEL IRONS.

Hanging Rock, Cold-blast..... 30.00 @ 33.00  
" Warm-blast..... 33.00 @ 24.00

Alabama and Georgia, Warm and Cold-blast..... 27.00 @ 25.00

Central Kentucky, Cold-blast..... 27.00 @ 25.00

**W. B. BELKNAP & CO., Iron and Steel Merchants, Nos. 115 to 121 West Main street, report to us as follows, under date of September 1, 1883: Bar Iron is somewhat better in this market, owing to low water, limiting supply, and a growing conviction on the part of buyers that bottom has been reached. There is a weakness to be noted in the Pittsburgh region, but the price had been already discounted by lower river mills. A decline in raw stock would be acceptable to the mills, who claim they have been running on the strength of anticipated reductions. The Agricultural manufacturers are about to start up, and as their demands for stock are always large, we look for a healthy tone to prevail.**

**Hoop Iron.**—Nothing doing, compared with former years. Bands are firm at the reduction of the association. Bar Mills have ceased to solicit at any special cuts.

**Sheet.**—The heavy sizes are very firm, and mills seem to be well supplied with orders. The lighter gauges, which have been scarce for several years at this season, are in excess supply and gain no strength.

**Steel.**—There is no change in price. We note a mod- rate jobbing demand. Nails are in good supply once more, and price seems firm at the slight concessions made incident to starting.

**Wire.**—In good demand, and further concessions seem needless to effect sales. General trade is good. Most of the merchants declare the past month to have been the best August they ever knew. Margins are unpleasantly close, but credits are closely scanned, and the loss so far by bad debts hereabouts has been unusually light.

#### BALTIMORE.

W. N. WYETH, Iron and Steel Merchant, 46 and 48 South Charles street, reports us the following, under date of Sept. 3, 1883: Trade for the past week has ruled active, and we have to report quite a change for the better in this respect. Values, however, remain unchanged, but firmer, as per annexed figures:

Ref. Bar Iron, 1 to 6 x 3½ to 1. 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
" 1 to 4½ x 1½ to 1. 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
" 3 to 2. Round..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
" 3 to 2. Square..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
Hoop Iron, 1½ wide and upward..... 3 ½ to 4 ½ @ 3 ½ to 4 ½  
" 1½ wide and downward..... 3 ½ to 4 ½ @ 3 ½ to 4 ½  
Horse-shoe Iron..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
Norway Nail Rods..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
Black Diamond Cast Steel..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
Machinery Steel..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
Spring Steel..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
Common Horse Nails..... 10¢ @ 11.5¢  
Railroad Spikes, 1½ x 9½..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢  
Perkins' Horse Shoes, 1/2 kg of 10¢..... \$4.37½  
" Mule Shoes..... 10¢ @ 12.5¢

R. C. HOFFMAN & CO., Pig and Railroad Iron Merchants, No. 21 South Frederick street, writes as follows, under date of Sept. 3, 1883: The Iron market continues dull and depressed; sales light and for immediate use only. Prices remain without material change. We quote as follows:

Baltimore Charcoal Wheel Iron (all)  
Baltimore Ore..... \$12.00 @ 30.00  
Virginia C. B. Wheel Iron..... 25.00 @ 30.00  
Anthracite, No. 2..... 20.00 @ 24.00  
" No. 3..... 20.00 @ 24.00  
" Mottled and White..... 15.00 @ 19.00  
" No. 1..... 17.00 @ 20.00  
Charcoal C. B. Blooms..... 10.00 @ 15.00  
Refined Blooms..... 4.00 @ 4.50

#### ST. LOUIS.

HOFFER & CO., Pig Iron and Iron Ore Merchants, 214 Pine street, report to us as follows, under date of Sept. 1, 1883: There is no perceptible change in the condition of

the market. There will no doubt be more iron sold from now on, but there is nothing very promising to report. We continue quotations:

#### HOT BLAST CHARCOAL IRONS.

Missouri..... \$20.00 @ 20.50  
Southern..... 20.00 @ 21.00  
Ohio..... 25.00 @ 26.00

#### COAL AND COKE IRONS.

Missouri..... 20.00 @ 20.50  
Southern..... 18.50 @ 20.00  
Ohio..... 20.00 @ 25.00

#### MILL IRONS.

Red Short..... 18.50 @ 25.00  
Neutral..... 17.00 @ 18.00

#### CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRONS.

Missouri..... 21.00 @ 22.00  
Southern..... 25.00 @ 28.00  
Ohio..... 23.00 @ 24.00

#### CINCINNATI.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1883.—**Pig Iron.**—The market in the past week has been steady in prices and demand. Southern makers continue to press the market for both present and future deliveries of Foundry and Forge grades, and it is reported that the sellers will accept even lower figures than have yet been reported. The Irons of this region are held firmly at last week's quotations, and find liberal takers among the users of the Alabama Coke kind to kill shrinks and to give fluidity to the mix and finish to the castings. The following quotations are predicated on reported sales in the past week:

Best Hanging Rock Charcoal Foundry..... \$24.00 @ \$24.50  
Good No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal Foundry..... 24.00 @ .....

Southern Hanging Rock Charcoal Foundry..... 21.00 @ 22.00

Best Hanging Rock Coke Foundry..... 20.50 @ 21.00  
Good Hanging Rock Coke Foundry..... 19.50 @ 20.50

American Scotch Hanging Rock Foundry..... 21.00 @ 21.50  
Silve-Gray Softeners..... 18.00 @ 19.00  
Forge, covering all grades..... 17.00 @ 22.00  
Car-Wheel Cold-Blast Charcoal..... 28.00 @ 30.00  
Car-Wheel Warm-Blast Charcoal..... 25.00 @ 27.00

#### Our English Letter.

Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, August 29, 1883.

#### THE WEEK.

has been productive of nothing of special importance to your readers, and, generally speaking, matters are very much as they were at the date of my last report, with the exception of the fluctuations of minor moment, which will be found duly noted elsewhere in this letter. Just now the weather is being watched with much anxiety, the harvest being in progress and liable to be affected in either direction to a serious extent. During the past week the southern counties of England, as well as of the southeastern districts, have been favored with high temperatures and a great deal of sunshine, albeit there have been showers here and there, but the wet, curiously enough, has been counterbalanced by high winds which have speedily dried the corn. In the parts indicated, therefore, cutting has been very vigorously prosecuted, and a wide acreage of oats and barley, as well as some wheat, has been harvested in splendid condition, many of the crops of oats and barley being of exceptionally fine quality, although, like the wheat generally, short in straw. In the west and midlands, as well as in the great farming counties of the east, the harvest is not quite so forward, but cutting has been commenced and will be general in the course of the present week, should the weather continue fine. The oats and barley will be good almost universally, but the wheat will be rather below an average crop, besides which the experience of the past few years has been so unfavorable in respect of this prime cereal that in many localities there is much less land under wheat than is ordinarily the case. The North of England and Scotland, as also Ireland and Wales, had a great deal of heavy rain at the beginning of last week, and some of the crops suffered somewhat seriously, but the atmospheric influences have now become more favorable, and there are hopes that harvesting will be commenced toward the end of this or at the beginning of next week. In Scotland, of course, the crops will be very late, which will increase the risk they run from unsettled weather. It should be remembered, nevertheless, that a few days' fine weather enable the farmer nowadays to do much more in the harvest field than as many weeks did a few years ago. The advent of reapers has completely revolutionized harvesting operations. Under the modern system a field of, say, 50 acres is reaped in a single day by a couple or so of machines, whereas 15 or 20 years ago quite an army of men would have been needed to fit it with the hook, sickle or scythe in the same time. I remember, indeed, that the eastern counties were regularly invaded about the end of July by hordes of "wild Irishmen," who were accustomed to come over yearly and to march in gangs of 50 to 300 or 400 each, with their hooks or sickles under their arms, until they secured engagements. For years in succession the same men would appear in the same places and work on the same farms, but the reaping machine ultimately spoiled their vocation and the immigration has now almost come to an end. A few Irishmen still come over to work for farmers of the old school, but they are no longer a factor of importance in the great harvest problem. This season the self-binders are making some progress, string having been successfully substituted for wire by Howard's, Hornsby's, Samuelson's and our other large implement houses making these machines. Henceforward there is every probability of these sheaf binders being very largely used in all parts of Great Britain, the saving of time being of even more importance than the economy of labor thereby effected.

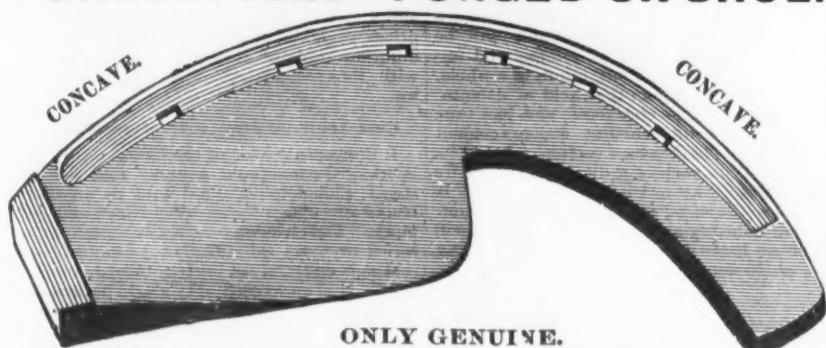
#### THE IRON MARKET.

has been free from other than nominal changes during the week, and may be termed quiet, but fairly steady, in all directions. At Glasgow warrants have been somewhat irregular, with a decline at the beginning of

the week, which has since been recovered, Friday's closing prices being 47 1/2 ton.

In makers' hands of Scotch pig the changes have not been numerous or important, the outside range being 6d. per ton in either direction. Shipments are improving comparatively, and are not unlikely to be benefited by the drop in freights from Glasgow to the United States port. Stocks increased slightly during last week, and are still sufficiently heavy to entirely prevent any movement for advancing values to any material extent. At Middlesboro' the market is quiet and not at all strong, No. 3 being freely offered at 39 1/2 @ 39/6, despite the efforts of smelters to maintain figures on their own basis of 39/6. The local consumption is good, and shipments are still on a large scale, especially to Scotland, where the consumption of Cleveland pig is well upheld. On the West Coast there is virtually no alteration to report as regards either hematite or pig iron, both of which are very low in price and produced in quantities beyond the current requirements of the market. Stocks of ores are rapidly growing, as the raisers prefer to hold for more money than the 9/11 now obtained. Mixed numbers of pig iron are nominal at 40 1/2 @ 50, and makers' brands are equally low. In the present condition of the rail mills I deem an advance quite improbable. In the Midlands and the other smelting localities all kinds of crude iron are nominal, but rather weaker, and no great amount of new business is being done anywhere. At the same time, large deliveries are being made on regular contracts, so that the furnaces are mostly kept fully engaged. In heavy manufactured iron there is no quotable alteration, and the mills are busy; but futures are irregular, and for the most part buyers are enabled to enforce their views. In wire there is no improvement, sales for fencing and netting purposes being reported at figures which are exceptionally low. Should the Post Office order the 15,000 miles of wire required to enable sixpenny inland telegrams to be initiated, the trade would receive a welcome stimulus. In the same way, galvanized sheets are not steady, and are changing hands at prices which are uneven, and often below published rates. The tube trade is once more disorganized, and, if I am rightly informed, the association has in reality ceased to exist. The German houses are alleged to have severed their connection with it, while most of the home makers are also doing what seems best in their own eyes.

In ordinary merchant iron the movements of the week have been unimportant, and prices remain on the basis of 27. 10/ for Staffordshire marked bars. Sheets are in fair request, and some of the producers of hoops, strips and plates have satisfactory order-books. There is no general activity, however, and the attitude of the majority

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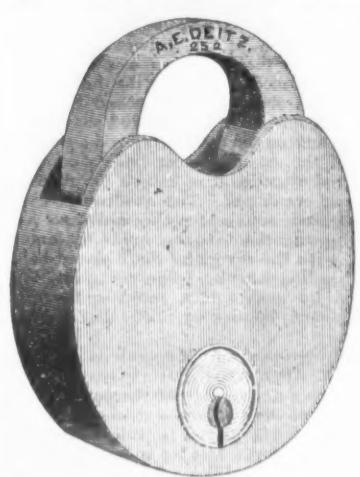
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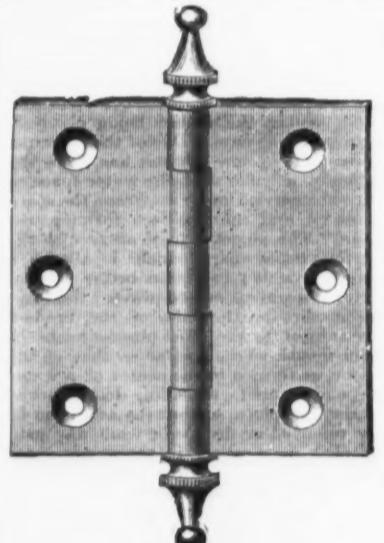
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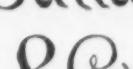
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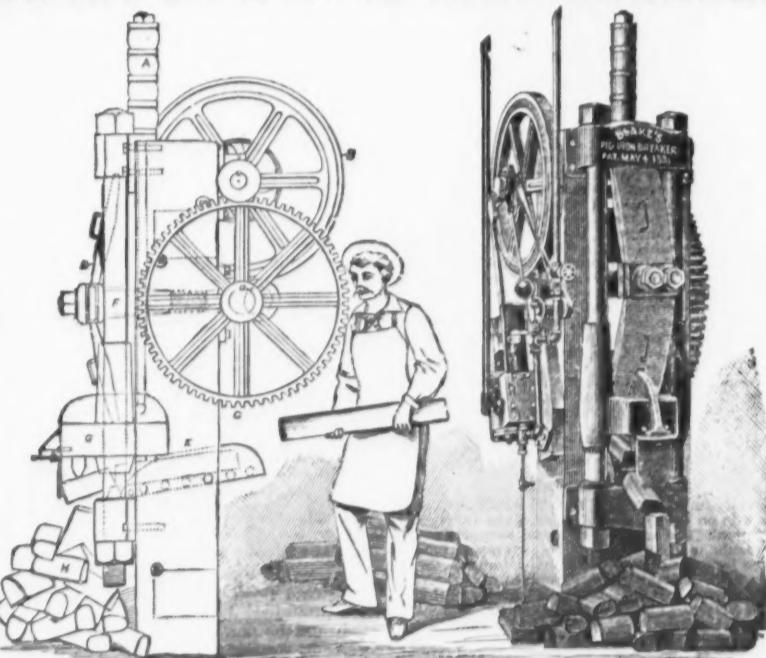
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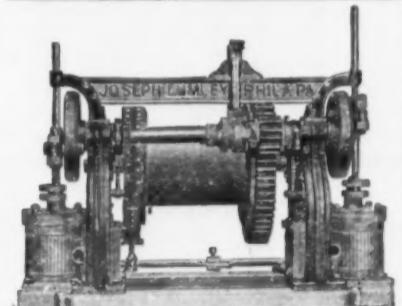


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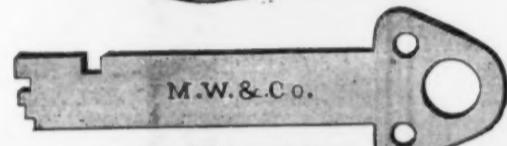
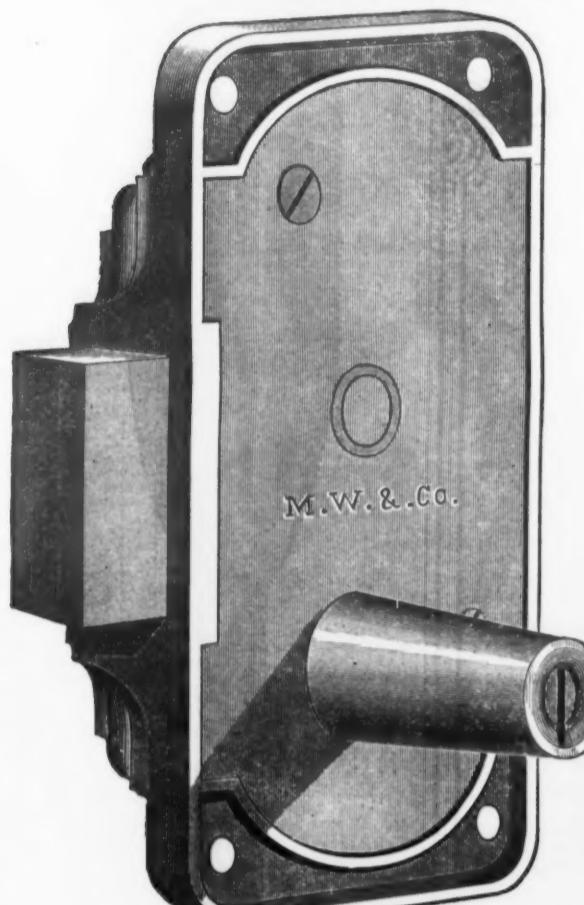
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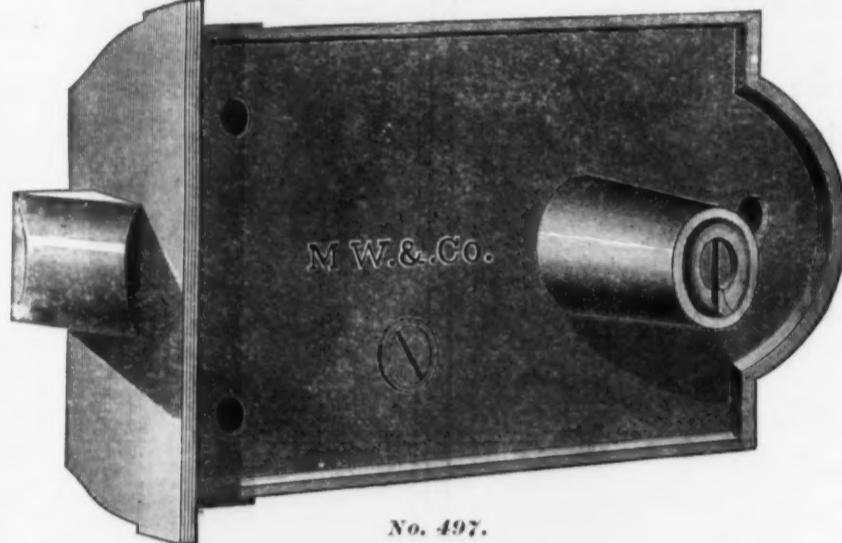
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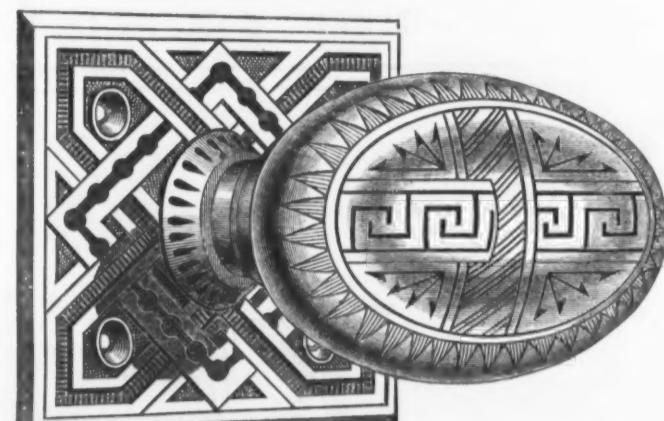
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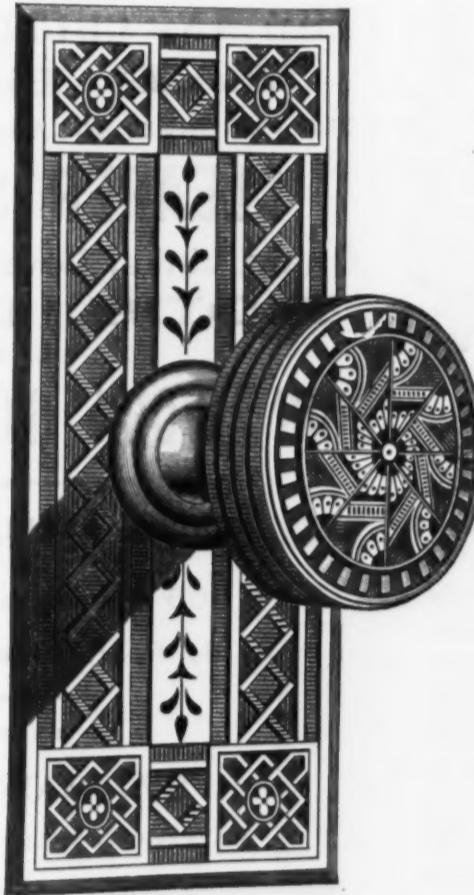
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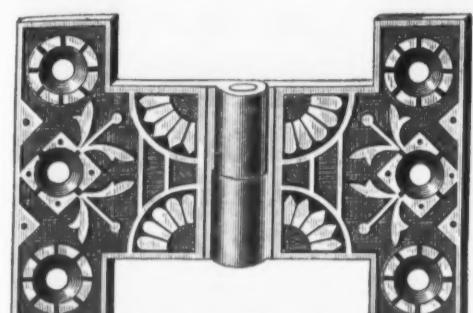


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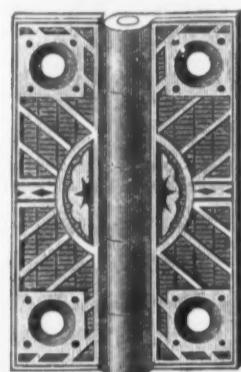
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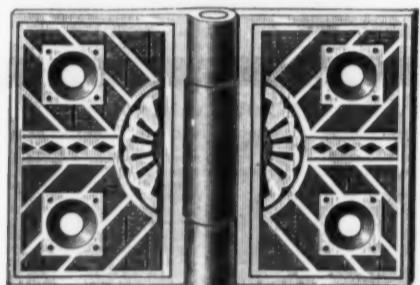
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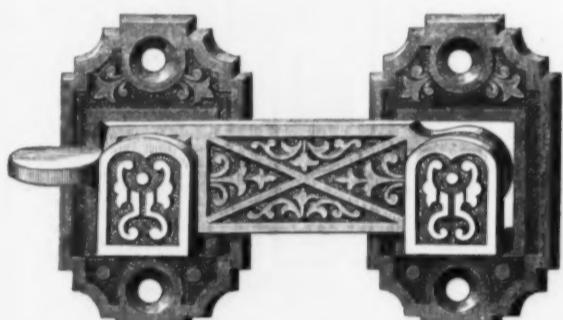
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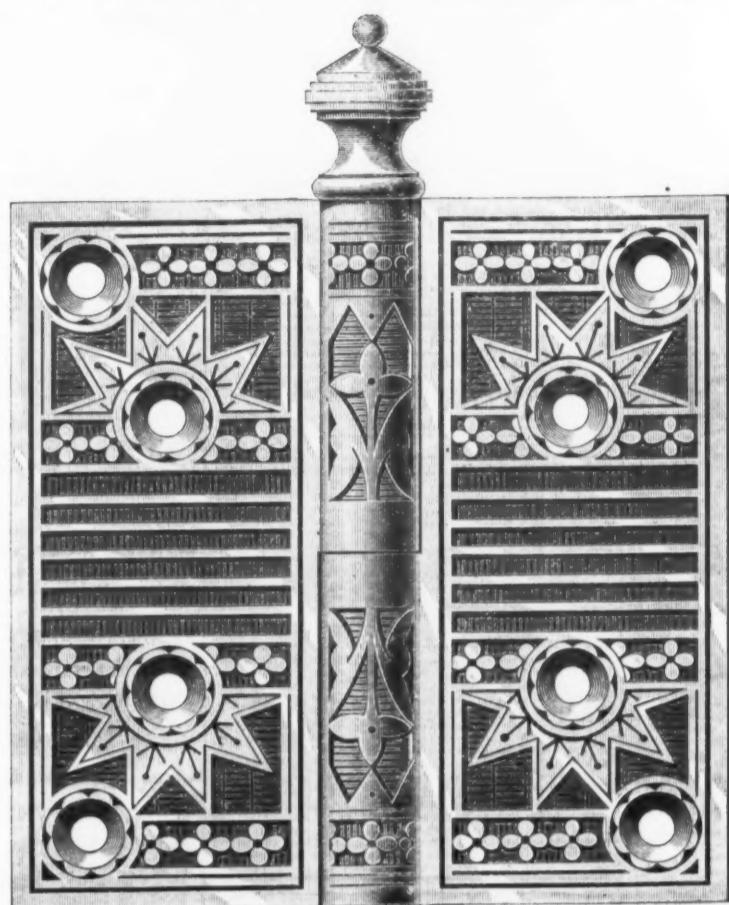
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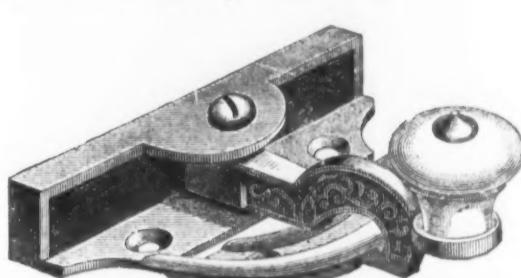
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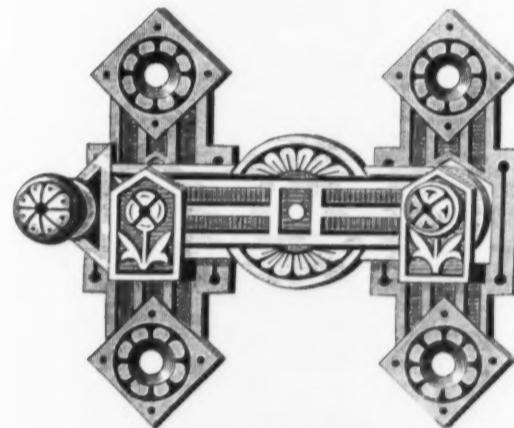
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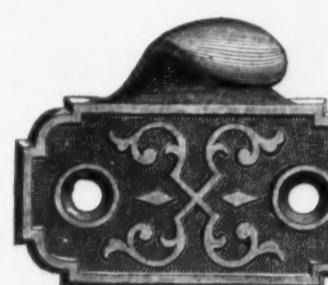
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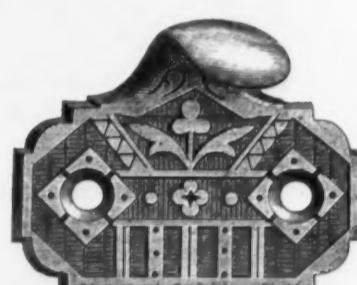
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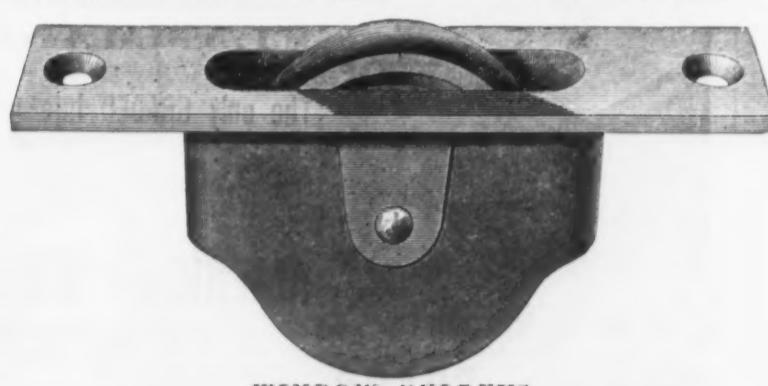
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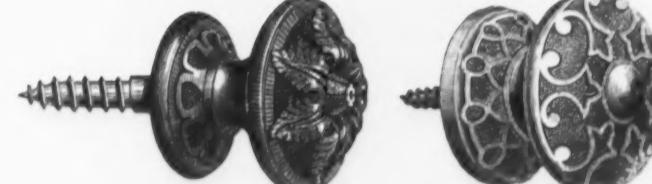
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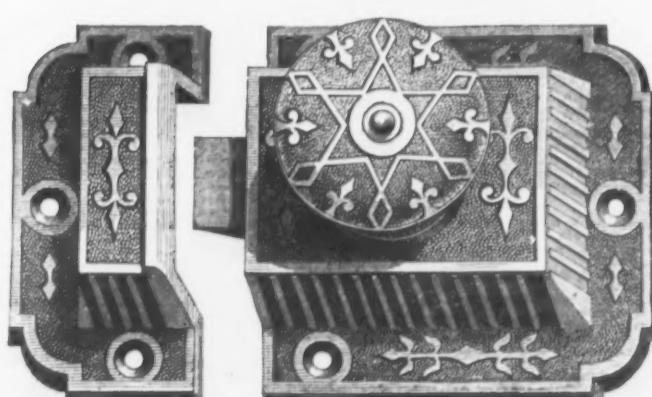
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| Country No. 1. . . . . \$22.00 @ 23.00   |
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| Summerlee. . . . . 23.00 @ 22.50   |
| Caron. . . . . 23.00   |
| Dalmeny. . . . . 21.00   |
| Mails.   |
| Sheet at Eastern mills. . . . . 27.50 @ 28.00  |
| Old Rail 1s. . . . . 23.00 @ 24.00   |
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| Common Iron.   |
| 1 to 1 in. round and square. . . . . 1/2 lb. 2.10 @ 2.00   |
| Refined Iron.  |
| 1 to 6 in. round and square. . . . . 1/2 lb. 2.30 @ 2.40   |
| 1 to 6 in. round and square. . . . . 1/2 lb. 2.50 @ 2.60   |
| Rods—1/2 and 11/2 round and square. . . . . 1/2 lb. 2.40 @ 2.50  |
| Bands—1 to 6x3/4 in. to No. 12. . . . . 1/2 lb. 2.70 @ 2.80  |
| Norway Nail Rods. . . . . 1/2 lb.  |

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| SHEET IRON.  |
| Common. R. G.  |
| American. . . . . 45c  |
| American. . . . . 45c  |
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| 20 to 25. . . . . 45c  |
| 24 to 26. . . . . 45c  |
| 27. . . . . 45c  |
| 28. . . . . 45c  |
| Galvanized, 10 to 20. . . . . 7c   |
| Galvanized, 21 to 22. . . . . 6c   |
| Galvanized, 23 to 26. . . . . 7c   |
| Galvanized, 27. . . . . 6c   |
| Galvanized, 28. . . . . 6c   |
| Painted and Plastered. A. . . . . 10c  |
| Russia. . . . . 10c  |
| American Cold Rolled B. B. . . . . 7c  |
| COPPER.—DUTY: 1/2 lb. 2.10 @ 2.00; Old Copper per lb.; Manufacturing (including all articles of which Copper is a component of chief value, 35% ad valorem). |
| American Ingot. . . . . 1/2 lb. See Trade Report.  |
| AMERICAN BRAZED COPPER BOLTS.  |
| Bolts: Copper, ordinary sizes, 16 oz. per sq. ft. and o. e. F. B. . . . . 26c  |
| Brazers: Copper, ordinary sizes, under 16 oz. and over 12 oz. . . . . 1/2 lb. 26c  |
| Brazers: Copper, Lighter than 10 oz. 1/2 lb. 26c   |
| Circles less than 1/2 in. in diameter. . . . . 1/2 lb. 26c   |
| Segment and Pattern Copper. . . . . 1/2 lb. 26c  |
| Loc. Copper for Sheets. . . . . 1/2 lb. 26c  |
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| (And all sizes not over 20 in. wide.) . . . . . 24x48x30c  |
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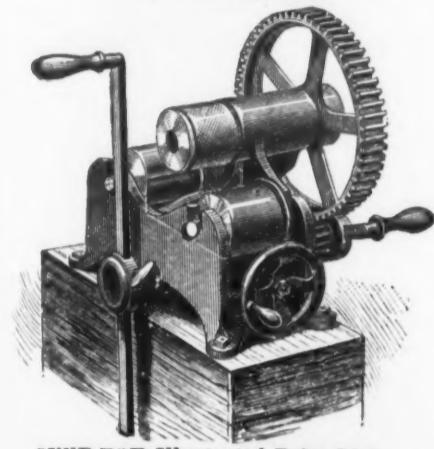
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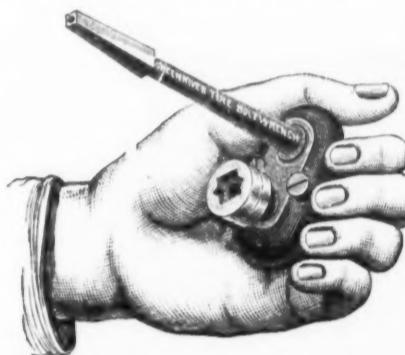


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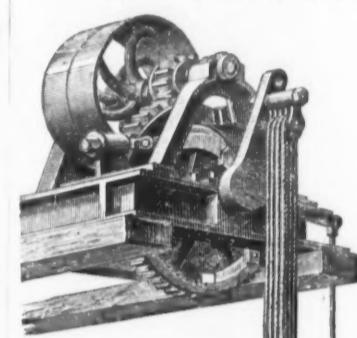


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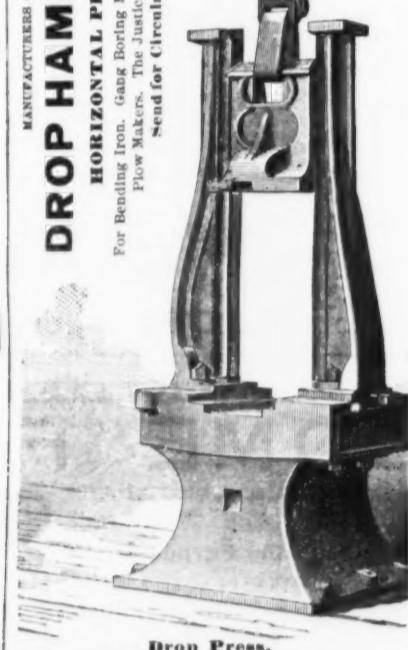


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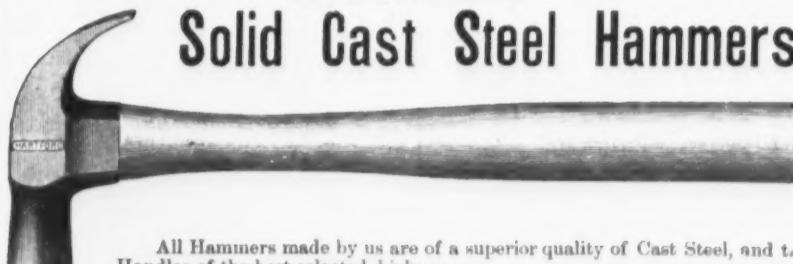
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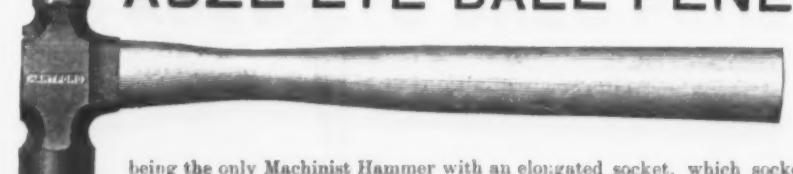


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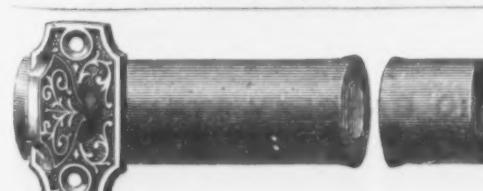


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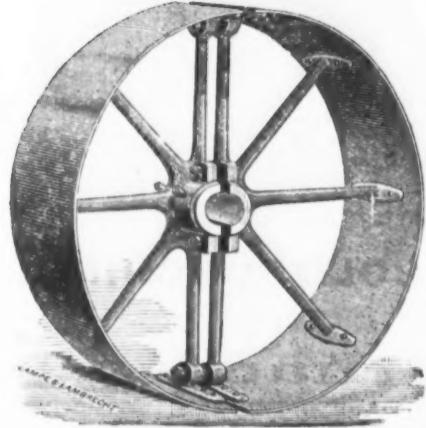
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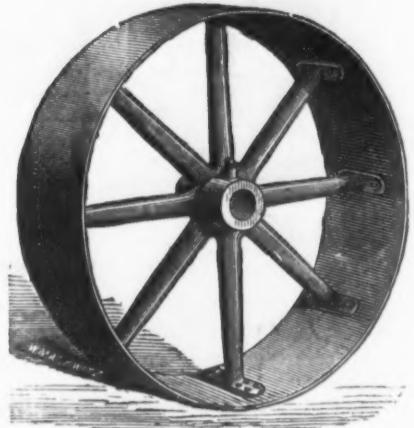


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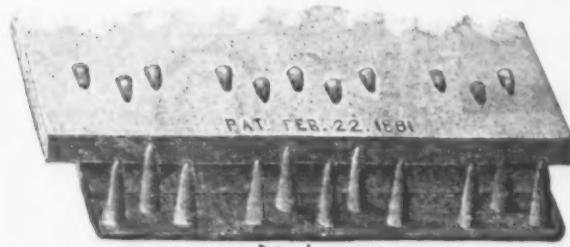
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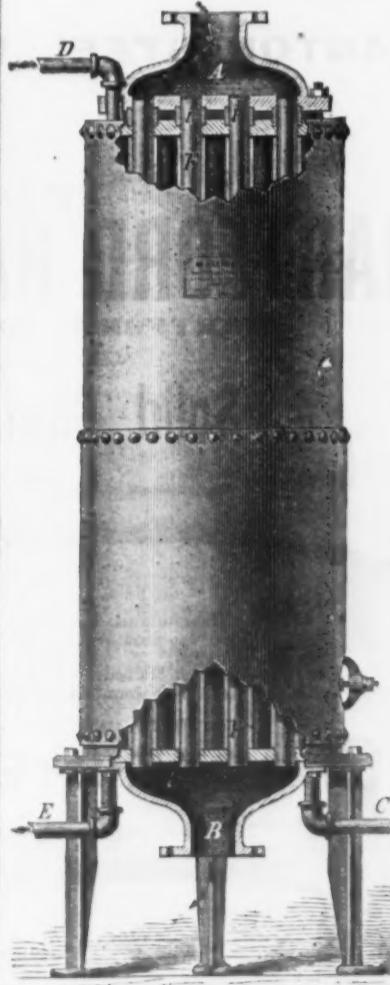
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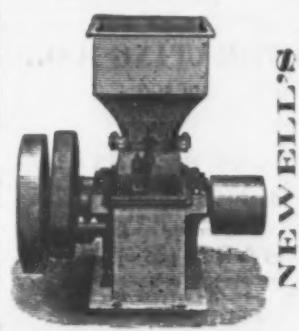
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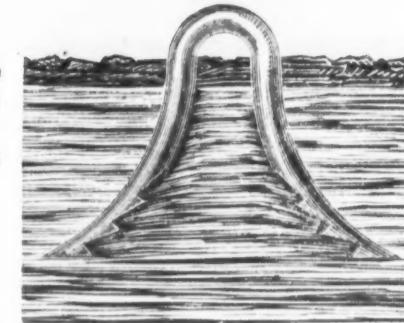
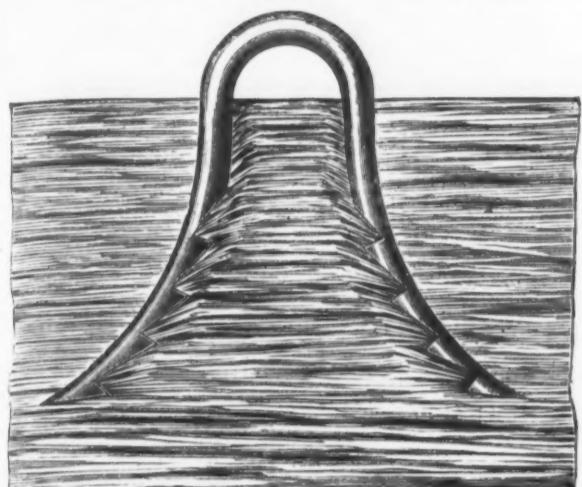
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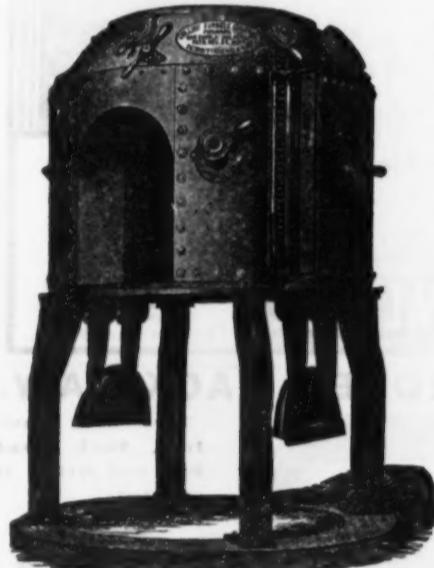
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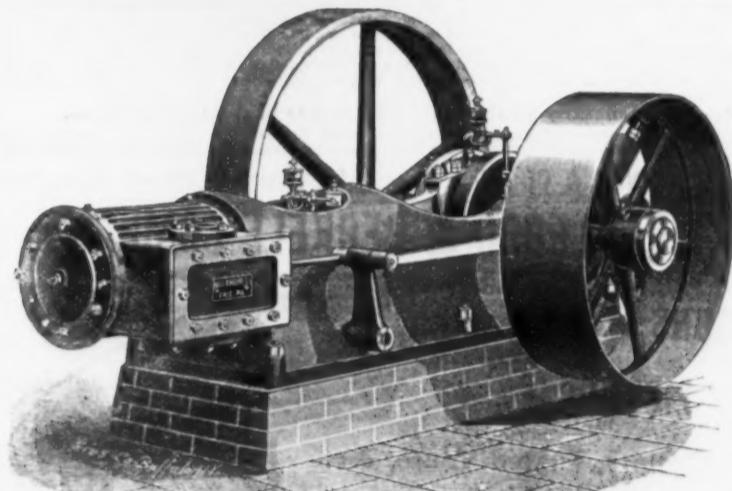
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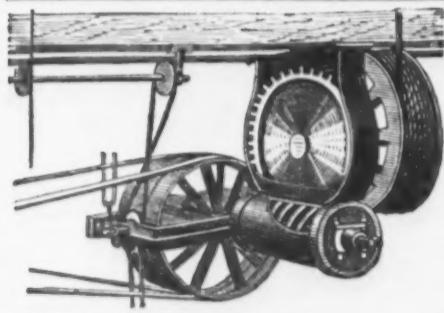
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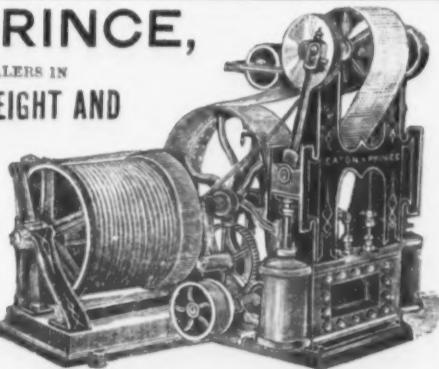
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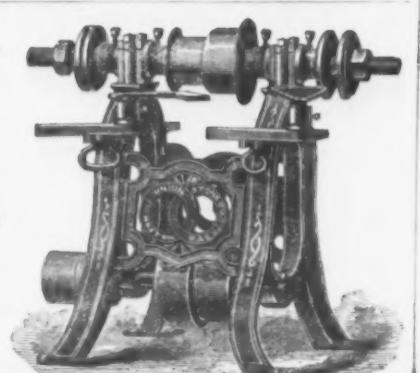
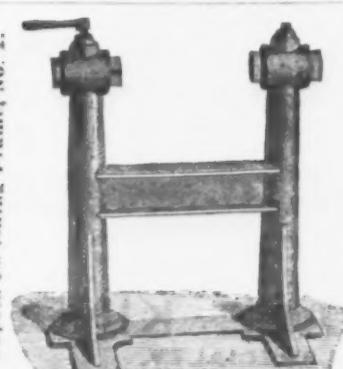
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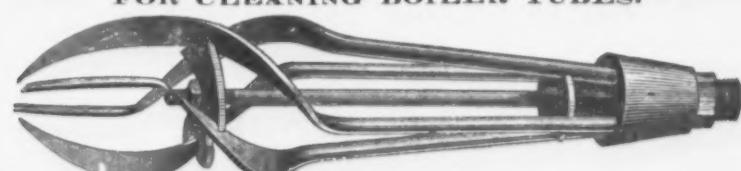
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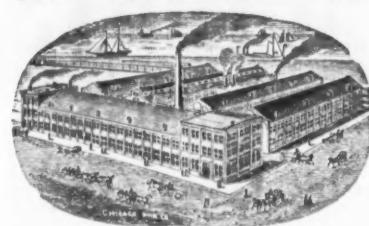
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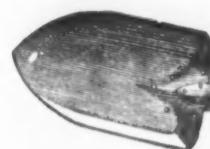


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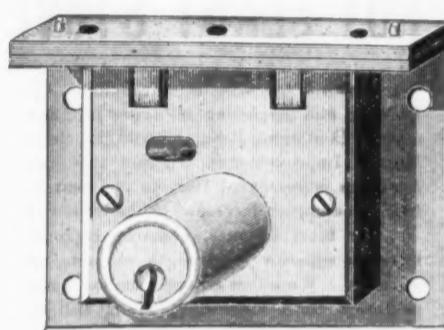
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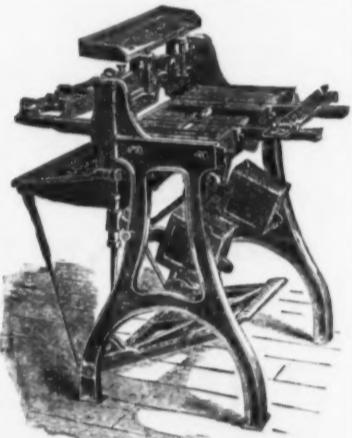
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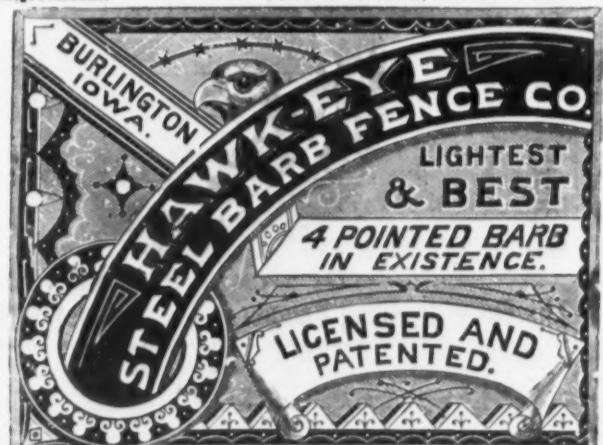
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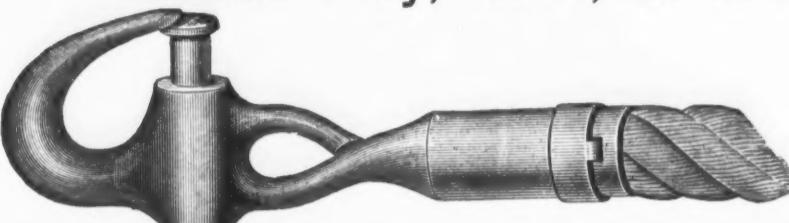
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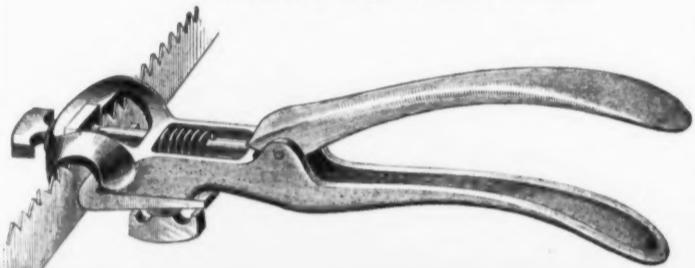
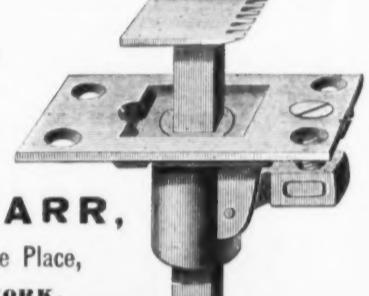
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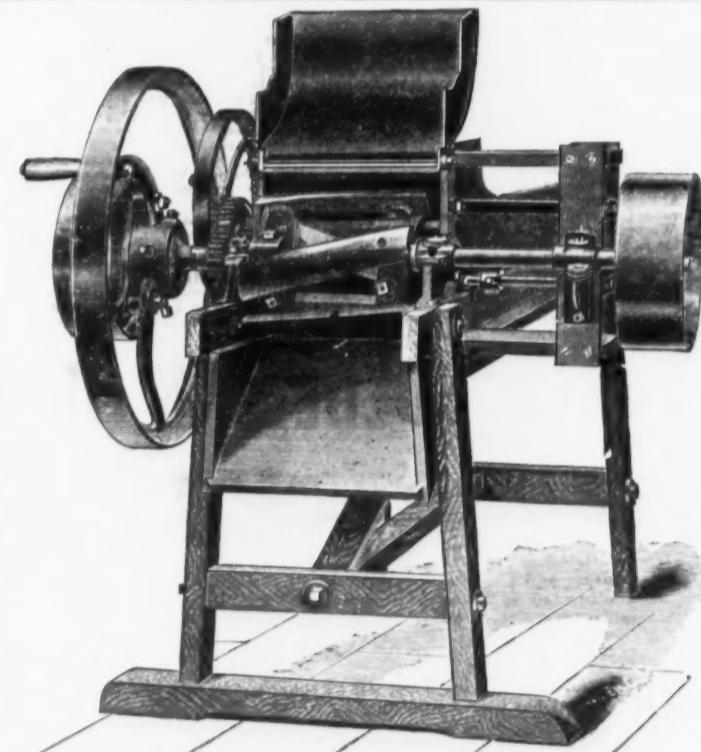
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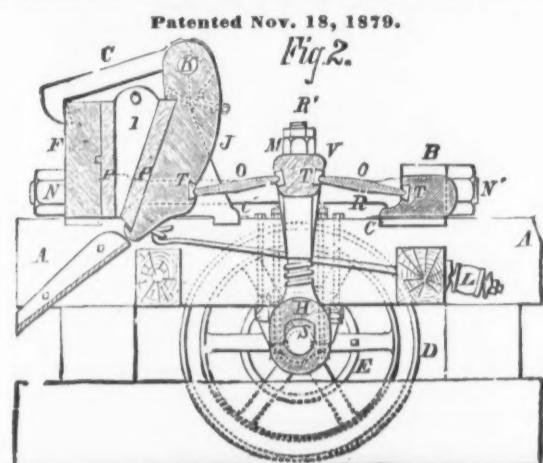


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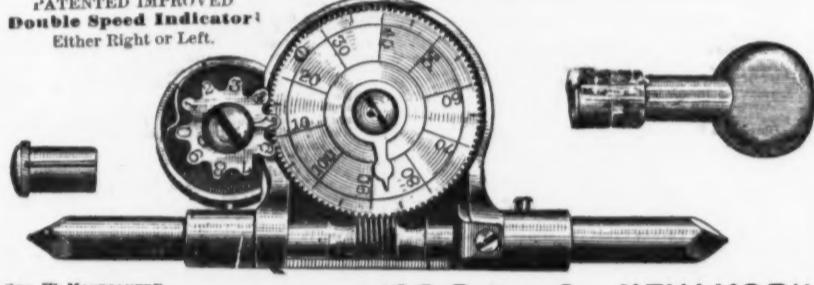
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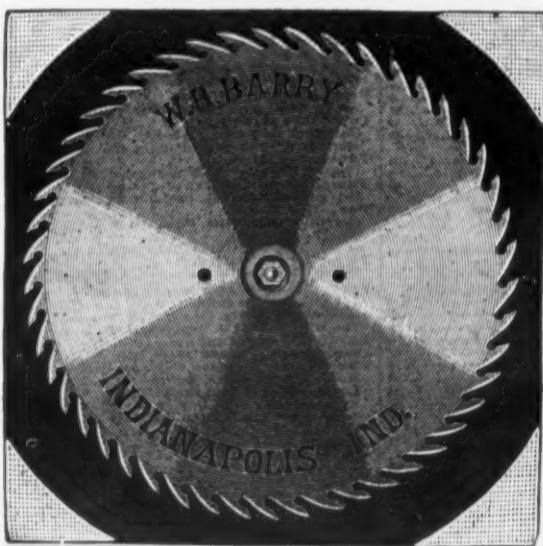
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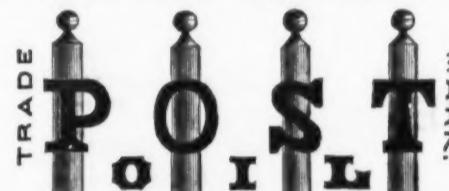
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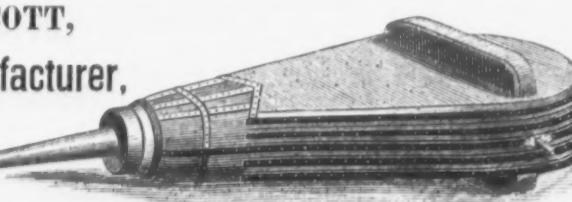
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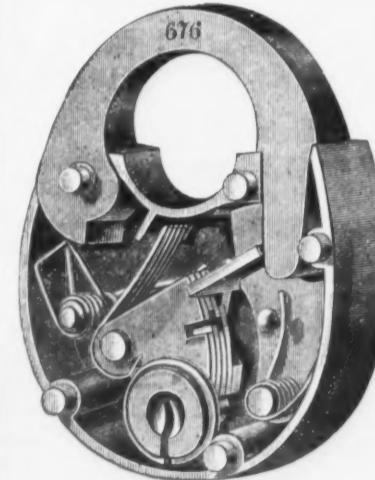
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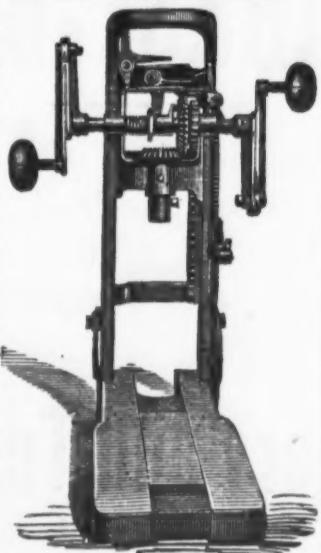
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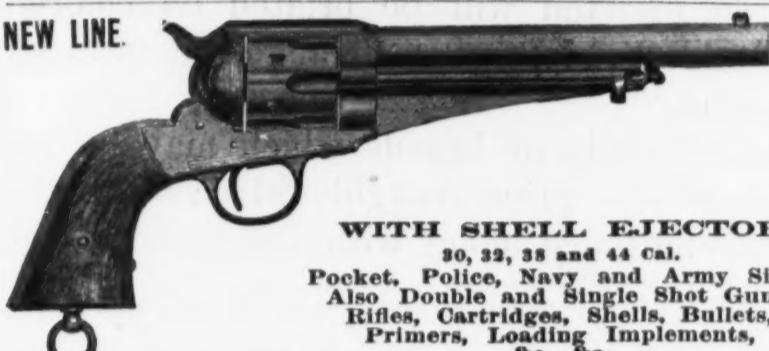
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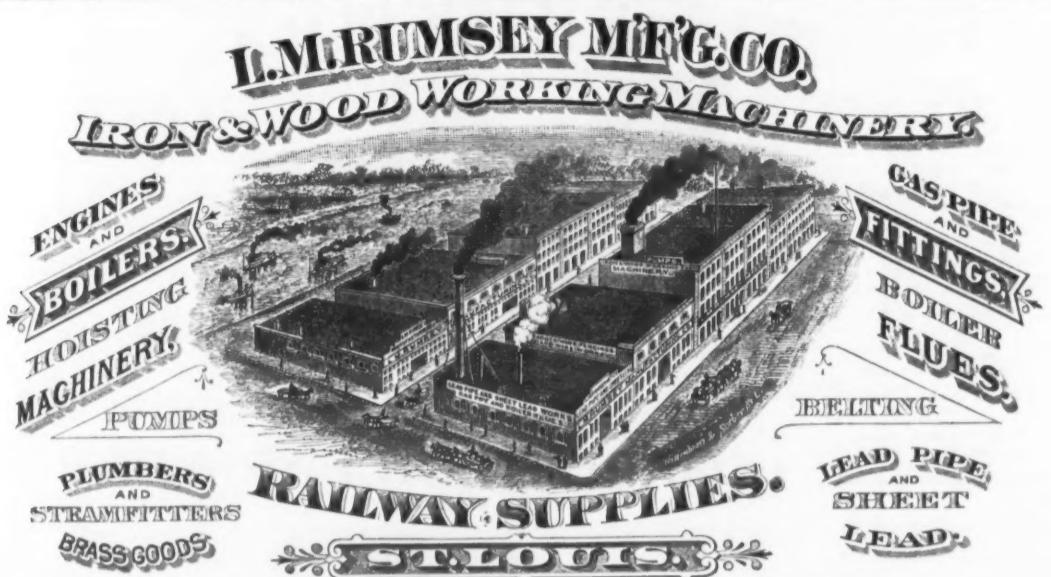
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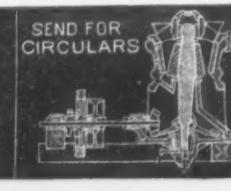
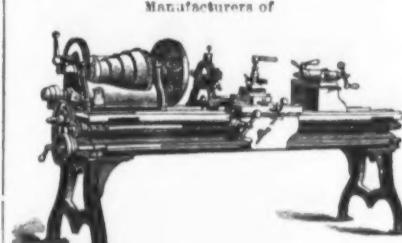
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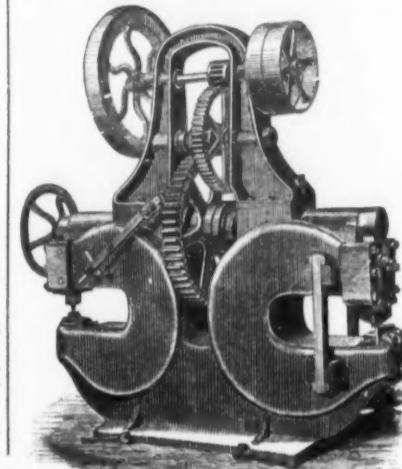
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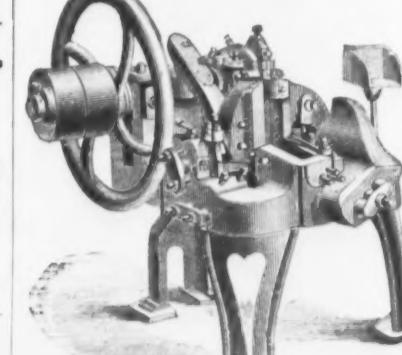
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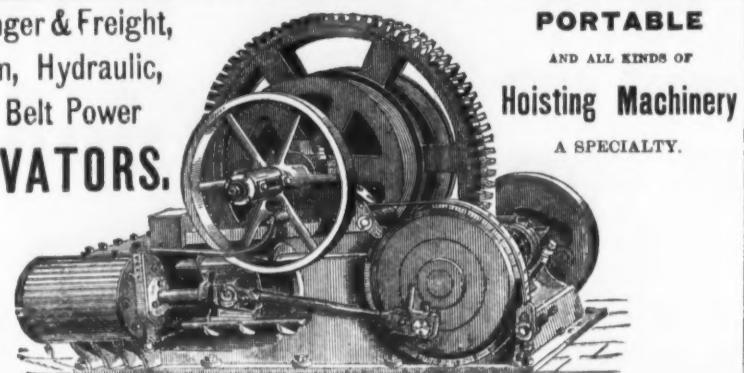
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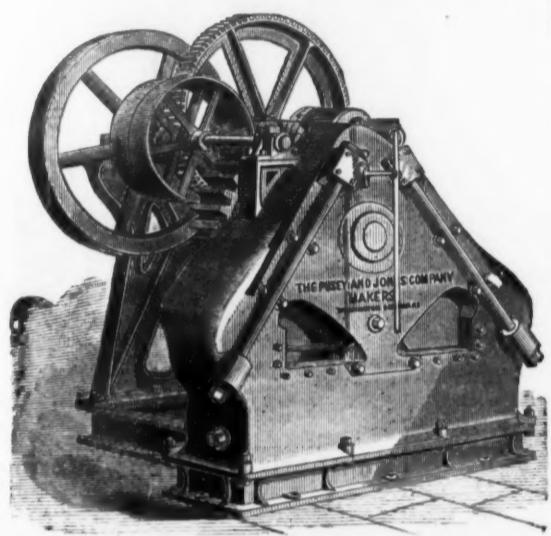
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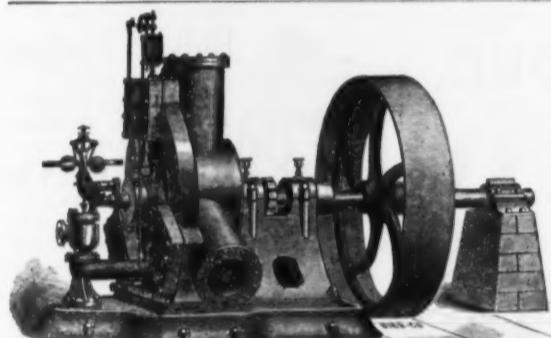
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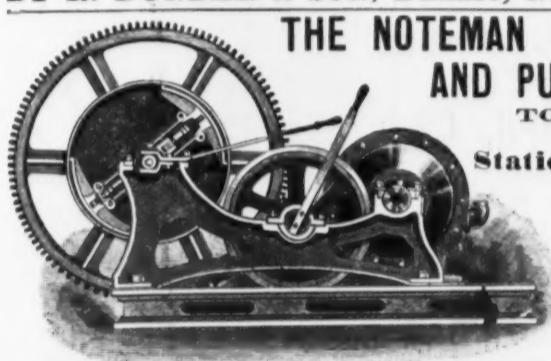
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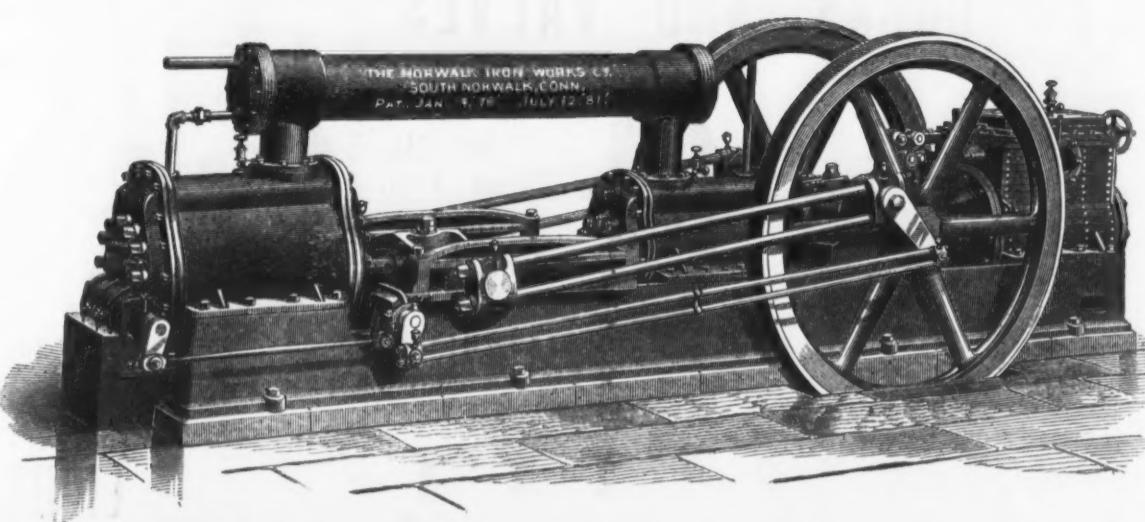
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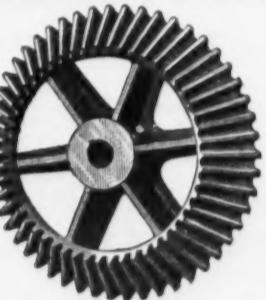
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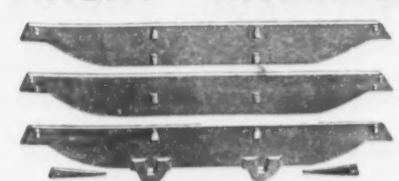
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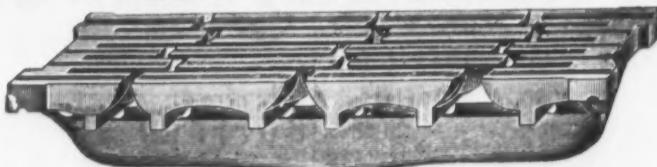
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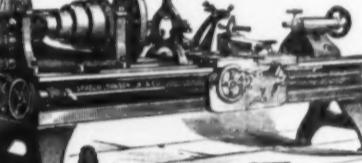
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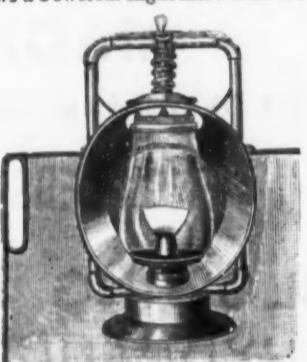
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